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Winning business from the public sector TODAY

Panel discussion

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Panel members: Tim Allen, Group Managing Director, MJ Allen
Martin Wragg, Defence Suppliers Service, MOD
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Session 2. 10.15 – 10.45

Readying investment... how to catch your dragon

Many people have some great ideas; however, translating them into a tangible prospect for business and investors is not always so easy. Come along and hear from Phil Beavan, Portfolio Director for the Innovation and Growth Team and Elizabeth Dolding, Partner and commercial legal expert from Warners Solicitors, about how to attract and secure equity investment into your business... the do's and don'ts, rights and wrongs... and how to spectacularly cock it up.

Speakers: Phil Beavan, Portfolio Director, Innovation & Growth Team
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Session 3. 11.00 – 11.30

Digital Revolution: What's in it for business?

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Speaker: Johnnie Jensen, Success Engineer, Tmandi

Session 4. 11.45 – 12.15

Tweet, greet and network... is social media like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn worth the investment?

Despite the tremendous growth of business presences on social media sites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter etc, there are still many misconceptions about how best to use it. Come and hear from an expert, with many years of experience in this area and dispel some of the myths. Get advice about spending time up front doing analysis, research, goal setting and how having a strategy will make a social media plan easy to execute.

Speaker: Dan Maudhub, Managing Director, Wonderful Creative Agency

Session 5. 1.00 – 1.30

Win the war for talent – getting the best staff

Despite the prospect of job cuts and redundancies, many sectors are struggling with a real shortage of skilled staff. With the green shoots of economic recovery starting to appear, businesses will have to work harder than ever to retain talent, and understand the best way to recruit such staff initially. Come and hear from a leading HR expert, who will offer businesses tips and hints on how to achieve this.

Speaker: Simon Brown, HR Transformation Deployment Director at the Coca Cola Company.

Session 6. 1.45 – 2.15

Manage and inspire... it doesn't have to be a secret

Books and courses are not a panacea to good management, nor do they guarantee that people will be able to put the theory into practice. Come and hear from a motivational speaker, who has over 20 years experience in operational management, sales, change management, training & coaching, personal and organizational development.

Speaker: Neil Annis, Managing Partner, ThinkGap

Session 7. 2.30 – 3.00

Global brand marketing strategies for local businesses

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Speaker: Ben Edwards, Marketing Manager, Page Suite

Session 8. 3.15 – 3.45

The Big Debate – what will be the role of business in the Big Society?

David Cameron launched the 'Big Society' to empower communities and said that groups should be able to run post offices, libraries, transport services and shape housing projects. What are the implications of this for businesses and how can they be involved? Come and join a panel session with leading experts from business and social enterprise to hear what they think the future landscape may look like.

Panel members: Celia Richards, Director of Communications, Social Enterprise Coalition
Johnnie Jensen, Success Engineer, Tmandi
Clive Relf, Senior Business and Tax Partner, Reeves & Co LLP



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Leading business at Kent's essential

IN the wake of the Coalition's pivotal Comprehensive Spending Review, Archant KOS Media has pulled together under one roof the essential tools to help business survival and growth in Kent.

Business Week Live (BWL), will be held at the County Showground, Detling near Maidstone on Wednesday November 10 and is an extension of the Business Week media and the news, videos and blogs of www.businessforkent.co.uk.

Apart from crucial timing just three weeks after the CSR and ahead of what promises to be the tricky year of 2011, Business Week Live offers a line-up of more than 20 carefully chosen speakers, business gurus and panellists who can deliver an integrated programme of skilful guidance, advice and tips for the months and years to come.

This impressive array will open up with one of Kent's best known political figures, also one who is well-qualified to deliver a running report on the Coalition's management of the economy.

He is Michael Howard, one-time Conservative Party leader and the former MP for Folkestone and Hythe.

The Tory grandee, who stood down at the May General Election, now sits in the Lords as Baron Howard of Lympne.

He trained as a barrister, but was elected an MP in 1983 and was a minister just four years later, going on to hold the Cabinet posts under Prime Minister John Major including Secretary of State for Employment (1990–1992) and Home Secretary (1993–1997).

In opposition, he was Shadow Foreign Secretary (1997–1999) and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (2001–2003) before attempting to lead his party back into office at the 2005 election – a feat achieved



OPENING SPEAKER: Lord Michael Howard.

this year by his successor as party leader, David Cameron.

The advice will then come thick and fast with a programme of panel discussions and speeches on matters as diverse as: sourcing investment – at a time when the banks are making it tough for small businesses; seeking out the best staff to make the most from your precious wages bill; inspirational management; harnessing new technologies and networking such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn; how business can work within the Big Society envisaged by David Cameron.

Early on in the programme there is even a panel discussion about winning business

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■ BY NICK AMES

THE Ash Levels near Sandwich are being enhanced as part of an exciting venture that will protect birds, help livestock and improve the area for tourists.

The Water For Wildlife scheme next to the River Stour is a joint mission between the Environment Agency, Kent Wildlife Trust and Natural England.

It will benefit breeding birds such as lapwing and redshank and provide habitat for wintering common snipe while also providing additional watering for livestock and improving the countryside for people walking beside the Stour.

Over the last two years, the partners have been working with landowners to establish an Environmental Stewardship programme and implement enhancements to sheep-pasture near the river.

Work has now started on site with the creation of a series of 'wader scrapes'.

These shallow pools will hold water for much of the year and provide conditions suitable for a variety of bird species.

Habitat-creation work will be completed over the next few weeks.

Then in the next couple of years, as plants grow around the scrapes, the area will develop into a wholly natural landscape, supporting many scarce wetland species.

Dragonflies are already on the pools and by next spring lapwing and redshank should be using the area to raise chicks. In the winter a

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GOOD NEWS:
 Arson and car crime are down, according to the latest Home Office figures

Bull stranded in ditch rescued by fire crew

A HUGE bull had to be pulled from a ditch by fire crews after getting stranded in water up to his shoulders. Kent Fire's animal rescue unit was called to help Bruno, a white Charolais, in Marsh Road, Ruckinge, just after 1pm on Friday last week.

His owner went to check on him that morning and found him grazing in the ditch, but it later became apparent that Bruno, who weighs about a tonne, had become stuck and was too tired to free himself.

Fire-fighters had to attach straps around his body and winch him to safety using a crane.

Station manager Nick Waghorn said: "He appeared to have suffered no ill effects."

Driver arrested after fatal crash on M25

A FOLKESTONE man has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after a four-car incident on the M25.

He has been released on bail until December 19, reports The Enquirer.

Polish national Izabela Derbis died in the incident, on the clockwise carriageway at South Ockendon, Essex, at 5.40am on Friday, October 15.

Police still want to talk to anyone who witnessed the collision or saw the following vehicles being driven in the area at that time: a black Jaguar X-type estate, a silver/grey Renault Megane Scenic, a white Renault Kangoo van, a blue Alfa Romeo 156 and a white Scania articulated lorry signwritten 'David Price'.

Anyone with information is asked to phone Essex Police on 0300 333 4444.

Learn about pebbles at family fun day

A FAMILY pebble day is being held at Dungeness in conjunction with Kent's Coastal Week.

There are more pebbles at the landmark site than anywhere else in the world and people have the chance to find out how they got there and why they are so important for wildlife.

Have a go at the pebble trail and try your hand at some pebble art from 10.45am on Friday.

To find out more and to book, phone the RSPB on 01797 320588.

The meeting point is at the RSPB visitor centre at Dungeness nature reserve.

Police welcome figures showing crime reduction

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

VIOLENCE, burglary and car crime is down, but sexual offences are up in the latest round-up of crime figures for south Kent.

Crime in the area, which comprises the Dover, Shepway and Ashford districts, has fallen for the fifth year. Home Office figures released last week show the number of recorded incidents has dropped by 10.1 per cent, equal to 2,102 crimes, during the period July 2009-June 2010, compared with the previous year.

This is higher than the average for Kent Police as a whole, which reported an 8.7 per cent drop.

All the main crime categories saw a fall, including violence against the person down by 10.1 per cent (427 fewer crimes), burglary by 12 per cent (256 crimes), vehicle crime by 19.8 per cent (414 crimes) and criminal damage by 10.6 per cent (535 crimes).

The only categories to show an increase are sexual offences, which are up by 16.8 per cent, or 41 crimes, and robberies using a knife, which were up by seven crimes.

South Kent deputy area com-

mander Superintendent Tim Smith said: "To have achieved a significant reduction in crime year on year is good news for everyone who lives in, works in and visits south Kent."

"It shows that our officers and staff are working hard to deter and reduce crime and taking every opportunity to target criminals."

"Like others in the public sector, we face challenging times, but my officers and police staff remain committed to delivering the best possible policing service."

Detective Chief Inspector Rob Fordham said the increase in sexual offences was due to a rise in past offences being reported for the first time this year.

"Many of these historical offences took place many years ago," he said.

"About 45 per cent of this year's reported rape offences, for example, have been historic crimes."

"In terms of other sexual offences taking place this year, we have made arrests on the majority of the offences."

Ch Insp Fordham said: "In relation to the increase in robbery offences, this rise took place in the first month of the year, April, when we had a couple of linked robbery series under investigation."

"We made arrests for these series and charged offenders."

Airport upgrade 'a non-event'

LYDD airport has been given clearance to fly in bigger jets, in a boost for its expansion plans ahead of a much-anticipated public inquiry.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) upgraded the airport to a Grade 6, meaning it can take aircraft ranging from the Bombardier Dash 8 Q400, regional airliners carrying up to 100 passengers and larger transatlantic-capable corporate jets such as the Gulfstream G550.

However, the status change has been dismissed as a "non-event" and a publicity stunt by anti-expansion campaigners, who say it does not mean the airport will generate extra business.

Lydd spokeswoman Jo Oliver said: "Having met strict criteria set down

by the CAA, we now have the capability to deal with a much wider range and size of aircraft."

"This is fantastic news and will enable us to attract more business. In fact, it's already opening up new opportunities for the airport."

The airport had to satisfy a series of rigorous CAA requirements to achieve its new category, culminating in its annual test of emergency procedures, known as Exercise Dash.

This included a mock scenario where a plane carrying 74 passengers and crews suffered a catastrophic engine failure just before take-off.

Louise Barton, of anti-expansion group LAAG, said of the change: "We welcome any upgrade in safety standards, but they have not announced

any new routes, so why are they doing it?"

"It's a bit of a non-event. The airport can already cope with these types of aircraft, they just don't have the traffic to make use of it."

"It is merely procedural and an attempt to get some positive news ahead of the public inquiry."

In March this year Shepway council voted 27-12 in favour of the applications for a 444-metre runway extension and 500,000-passengers-a-year terminal, going against planning officers' recommendations.

The decision was then called in by the Government for a public inquiry, due to start in February, after objections by conservation body Natural England on ecological grounds.



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Charismatic musician to play at arts centre



UNDER LEMONADE SKIES: Martyn Joseph

Political singer-songwriter shows us we are not alone in our experiences

■ BY NICK AMES

ONE of acoustic music's most compelling artists, Martyn Joseph, is coming to Sandwich next month.

He will be playing St Mary's Arts Centre on Wednesday, November 10.

The singer-songwriter and guitarist has just released a new CD, *Under Lemonade Skies*, which marks his 30th year in the business.

Mr Joseph said the job of a good song is to make the listener feel like they are not alone in the world: "That is what I try and do."

"I try and ensure that people listening realise they are not on their own, that others have experienced what they are going through."

Mr Joseph is known for his political song writing with topics covered including the Iraq War and the deaths of five sisters in Gaza after an Israeli missile strike.

"But this new record is slightly less political," he said. "There are constantly tragic things happening and what I want to do is draw attention to those issues, but without people just thinking 'oh, he's banging on again'. Songs can confront these issues but they can also reflect the tenacity and power of the human spirit."

The last three decades have seen the

Welshman have five Top 50 UK hits including *Dolphins Make Me Cry* and *Please Sir*.

Touring both solo and with the likes of Art Garfunkel and Jools Holland, Mr Joseph has won fans everywhere with his impressive archive of material and his charismatic and compelling live performances.

The musician has sold over a quarter of a million albums, been voted Best Male Artist in the BBC Welsh Music Awards, constantly won four star reviews in music magazines and been praised by Bob Harris for the "outstanding lyrical intelligence" of his songs.

He is recognised in the business as a tireless worker for various charities, and has a string of humanitarian plaudits and awards to his name.

And Mr Joseph also enjoys playing small venues, such as the Sandwich concert.

He said: "I recently played the Cropredy Festival in front of a massive crowd. I came on just before Fairport Convention, whose event it was, and just after Rick Wakeman, who had an army of musicians."

"It was just me and my acoustic guitar, but I feel that whether it be 22,000 people or 200 you are still trying to make that connection."

"I've had some wonderful times playing in village halls and I take it as a personal honour to try and make the best connection with an audience that I can."

Get on the bus to meet volunteers

THE Big Purple Bus is heading to Dover to celebrate the work of volunteers.

The visit is part of a Kent-wide project to promote the work of the voluntary and community sectors and volunteering in general. It will give residents a chance to find out more about the number of volunteering opportunities in and around the Dover District.

The bus will be manned by staff from the Dover District Volunteering Centre, which works with more than 350 different organisations.

The bus will be in Dover on Thursday, November 4, between 10am and 4pm, when it will be in Dover market.

Then on Tuesday, November 9, it will be in Sainsbury's car park in Deal between 10am and 1pm, before moving on to Sandwich's Guildhall car park from 1.30pm to 4pm.

Join the party to celebrate merger

X-FACTOR stars Lloyd Daniels and boy-band The Reason will help mark the launch of Kent's newest college.

The newly-merged institution created out of south and west Kent colleges will hold its celebrations at the former South Kent College campus in Dover, as well as in Folkestone, Ashford, and Tonbridge.

College bands and other performers will take to the stage, while there will be competitions, the chance to win £100, when pre-registering for tickets, and an opportunity to look around the campuses and see what courses are on offer.

The college's new name will also be officially revealed for the first time.

The launch takes place on November 13, from 10am-4pm. For more details see www.facebook.com/kentsnewestcollege, or www.twitter.com/kentsnewestcollege.

Buy a brick to support centre

AN APPEAL has been launched for funds to help renovate the Deal Centre, which caters for people aged over 50.

The building in Park Street needs a better reception area and improved toilet facilities, with the cost estimated to be in the region of £120,000.

The centre is used by more than 800 people a week and offers such activities as computer training, along with leisure pursuits including bingo, cards and art classes.

A buy-a-brick scheme, where bricks are sold for £5 each, will start the fundraising.

One of the bricks will have a meal for two at Deal's Dining Club in Middle Street as a prize.

Debbie Wonford runs the centre and says the centre is extremely popular with the town's older residents but improvements are needed.

"We want to make sure the entrance is improved so it gives people a better service when they come to use the centre," she said.

"Also, we want to make sure there are better facilities for the disabled."

The centre used to be called the Deal Centre for the Retired but changed its name in order to attract more people around the age of 50.

It is intended that work will start in March if funds are forthcoming.

Anyone who wants to help can phone 01304 372608.



Wildlife to gain from Levels enhancements

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range of wildfowl and waders will use this restored grazing marsh for feeding and roosting.

The work, pictured above, is taking place on the Ash Levels outside Ash.

The Levels comprise part of a larger complex of marshes including those nearer the Stour estuary.

In this area, suitable farmland can be enhanced so that it is attractive to wildlife and at the same time can be used as pasture for sheep and cattle, providing a win-win for the farmer and wildlife alike.

Tom Reid, biodiversity technical specialist, said "It is fantastic that this area is being improved."

"The farmers benefit from the

Higher Level Stewardship scheme payments, there's better wildlife habitat and visitors to the area can see more birds throughout the year.

"This type of partnership work ensures that the environment receives the best possible outcomes for the river and wildlife, not to mention nearby residents."

Local businesses should also benefit as tourist visits increase.

Beth Nightingale, Water For Wildlife project officer, said: "This is a very exciting project enabling large-scale habitat restoration to take place and complement existing farming requirements."

"It has only been achievable with the goodwill of the farmer involved."

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FEELING THE FORCE: Sgt Phil Morley, Sgt Chris Gurney and Sgt Ian Swallow have joined the crime-fighting team

Police trio bring experience to neighbourhood

THREE new faces will be representing the police in Dover and Deal.

Dover neighbourhood sergeant Phil Morley, Dover district community-safety unit sergeant Ian Swallow and Deal neighbourhood sergeant Chris Gurney have all joined the local crime-fighting team.

Sergeant Morley, 36, is the new Dover neighbourhood sergeant and will control a team of four PCs and 10 PCSOs.

He has been a police officer for 14 years and spent the last year as a sergeant in Thanet, where he lives with his partner.

Sgt Morley said: "I have had one year with patrol teams doing earlies, lates and nights and working in the response cars.

"I'm looking to use this experience to help the area."

Sgt Ian Swallow has already begun work in the Dover district community-safety unit, starting back in August.

Sgt Swallow, 35, has 14 years' experience in the police service and has been a sergeant for the last three.

He has spent more than 11 years working in Canterbury and has a variety of experience, including time on patrols and working in custody.

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

Sgt Swallow said: "My role will be to get a general overview of the district and I will be working with the Dover and Deal neighbourhood policing teams.

"I'll get feedback on their problems and act upon them to find the solutions."

Sgt Chris Gurney, the new Deal neighbourhood sergeant, will be working with a team of three PCs and seven PCSOs.

She has been working with the police for 19 years and been a sergeant for the last eight, all of which have been spent in Kent.

Sgt Gurney, 44, has previously worked with the volume-crime team in Folkestone and is planning to use this experience in her new role.

She said: "It's a new challenge, something different and I want to be involved in the community.

"I've already been to my first parish meeting in Ash, where there was great enthusiasm.

"It's my intention to get along to all the parish meetings so I can find out what the main issues are.

"I have been and will be out on patrol with the PCs and the PCSOs so I can also engage with the public that way."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shop's window to the past

AN EMPTY supermarket in Dover is set to get a historical makeover.

Sainsbury's has given the London Road Community Forum (LRCF) permission to brighten up its former premises in London Road, Dover.

Window-stickers depicting a bygone Dover were due to be fitted on Thursday last week on the inside of six huge plate-glass windows.

The cost for the window-transfers is being met by funding received from councillor Nigel Collor through the county council's members' community grant scheme.

Sainsbury's has also carried out repairs to the roof and replaced a cracked window.

The images that will be in the windows all come from Dover resident Bill Hollingsbee's collection.

LRCF secretary Andy Cooper said: "I'm personally grateful to Lynn Brisley for all her hard work in rescuing this project."

Arrest over laser-pen

A YOUNGSTER has been caught allegedly shining a laser-pen into the eyes of motorists.

The individual was reportedly seen shining a green laser-pen at vehicles in Park Avenue and Mill Road, Deal, at 8.20pm on Wednesday, October 6, and later arrested.

Police are looking to trace the driver of a Citroen Xzara Picasso who was targeted. Officers would like to speak to the driver as a potential witness.

The motorist is asked to phone PC Ian Crouch on 01622 690690.

Pier to shut overnight

THE Prince of Wales Pier in Dover is to close during the winter.

After repeated vandalism, Dover Harbour Board has decided to close the pier overnight between 7pm and 8am from Friday.

Business will carry on as usual for the café at the end of the pier, which will continue to open during the day at weekends.

The evening closure of the pier will be reviewed in the spring.

A statement from Dover Harbour Board said: "We're sorry that we've had to take this necessary step and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to those who use the pier in the evenings."

Ghostly goings-on at Dover Castle

GHOSTS, ghouls and phantoms are in their element at Dover Castle this week as Halloween approaches.

Family fun takes place this half-term week until Halloween on Sunday.

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Two arrests after London Road fight

TWO men have been arrested and another was left with head injuries after a fight in London Road, Dover.

A 27-year-old suffered wounds to his hand and head in the incident, which occurred between 9am and 9.20am on Thursday, October 14.

A group of men was involved in the incident, which took place near the Suite Shop.

Two men, aged 35 and 38, were arrested and released on bail while police make enquiries.

Anyone with any information can phone PC Roy Bushe on 01304 218167.

It emerged from the dark woods ... and fell over

KENT has had its fair share of ghostly sightings, UFO reports and other strange anomalies.

But among the weirdest was an event that was reported as having taken place just outside Saltwood almost 50 years ago.

Four friends – allegedly – came across a strange being which became known as The Mothman as they walked to Sandling railway station after a night out.

The creature was reported as being similar to one that formed the basis of a legend in West Virginia, USA – and a subsequent hit movie starring Richard Gere called The Mothman Prophecies.

The story takes place on November 16, 1963, when a youth named John Flaxton was part of the small group out at night.

He is said to have witnessed an eerie light in the sky which descended into nearby woods.

A strange figure then appeared – shuffling towards them. It seemed to have wings but no head.

Mr Flaxton is reported as saying he felt “cold all over” while his friend Mervyn Hutchinson

■ BY NICK AMES

said: “It didn’t seem to have any head. There were huge wings on its back – like bat wings”.

Where these reports came from is itself a mystery, which paranormal expert Neil Arnold has looked into.

He said after investigating the sighting: “Walking north-west along Sandling Road one comes to a bend in the road which leans right – there is a kissing gate on the left which has a sign for the Saxon Shore Way.

“About 25 yards on from there is an open field sloping upwards on the left. This is the location.

“I also found that the witnesses comprised the two boys and their girlfriends. They were heading to the station at Sandling, so I reckon it couldn’t have been too late, maybe between 10pm and 11pm.

“They saw the light in the field over the trees. Allegedly, the figure came out of the wood but fell down, picked itself back up and then headed once again towards the witnesses.

“Apparently, a witness said ‘There was a silhouette which fell down heavily. Then got up. It



SIGHTING: The woods near Sandling station are where the stories of The Mothman, pictured inset, began in 1963

was very black and about the size of a man, but it had no head. It appeared to have wings on either side of its body – like a bat. It came towards us, stumbling as it came. We did not wait to find out what it was, but ran”.

The area today is much as it was in 1963, with a footpath running up to the top of the hill and then down into woodland.

From the description, Mr Arnold produced a sketch of the creature.

He said: “It remains a mystery – it’s very much of its time, the 1960s.

“The people concerned obviously saw something bizarre, something that they did not understand.”

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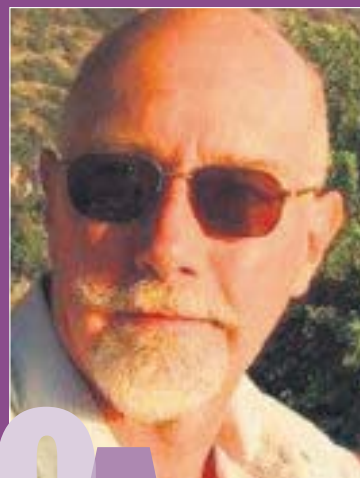
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QUESTION & ANSWER

CLIFF ROBINSON



Q Tell us a bit about yourself

A I'm Cliff Robinson and I'm a morris dancer. Before I retired earlier this year, I worked in a council's legal section.

Q How did you get involved with the East Kent Morris Men?

A I was at a friend's party 20-odd years ago and a slight acquaintance me if I'd like to try it. The friend whose party it was said he'd go as well but chickened out. Soon after, I was dancing at a local pub when my son's headmaster hit me on the head with a stick and I bled in time with the music. Morris was obviously in my blood and I was hooked.

Q How difficult are some of the routines?

A The basic morris steps are very simple and the arm movements – usually with hankies or a stick – aren't difficult. However, putting them together while moving around and trying to avoid getting knocked over by a group of blokes takes it to another level. I do seem to be doing more knocking over than getting knocked over these days, though.

Q How often do you practise?

A Most Wednesday evenings, but I'm not sure where we're going to be rehearsing this

winter. Last year it was at the Churchill School in Hawkinge.

We'll decide this month whether to change to the Farriers Arms in Mersham Forstal or try somewhere else – see our website (eknm.org.uk) for updates. All are welcome to practise playing our music, and men are welcome to try dancing. First-timers are bought a beer in the pub afterwards.

Q Where are you most likely to be seen performing, and do you have a favourite venue?

A We dance out most summer weeks, usually outside a pub that welcomes us with beer and food, and quite often for private parties in fancy houses.

We do a lot of weddings and regularly go abroad to twin towns – we've even danced on a Japanese cruise-ship. We also dance to bring a better summer, at dawn on May Day morning, on Dover seafront.

Q Do you see morris as a dying art?

A Nope. Morris dancing has a long tradition. Like Christmas, it was banned by Cromwell, and morris dancers appear on a tapestry carbon-dated to the 15th century.

There are more people dancing morris now than ever and it is heartening to see so many young people wanting to take part. We have four teenage members.

We have to turn a lot of bookings down as we

only have enough members to dance out once a week.

Q Do you have a favourite routine or dance?

A There's a rather violent stick dance developed by Hammersmith Morris Men from the Upton-upon-Severn tradition which I like, mainly because it's the one in which I can usually get to have a drink while dancing.

A Hammersmith morris man saw us dance it once and said we were the second best he'd ever seen. Praise indeed.

Q What would you say to bring people to morris dancing?

A I think it's the lack of respectability – it's unconventional and edgy – that I like, but I'm not sure that would encourage people, particularly those who worry about what others think. It's about enjoying yourself and good company.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A I play guitar and support local charities.

Q Any final comments?

A The money raised pays for uniforms, but we also make donations to charity. The money the breweries make is from personal donations.

Q & A

The member of the East Kent Morris Men talks to reporter **Mathew Beech** about beer, blokes, bruises and bleeding in time to the music – all in the name of tradition, good company and the sheer enjoyment of it all

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RNLI's alarm call for sleeping yachtsman

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The crew was called out to stop a German yacht from drifting on to the rocks at Copt Point, Folkestone.

The sailor, on passage to the Azores, had dropped anchor to rest. While asleep, the anchor line parted, leaving him at the mercy of the wind and tide.

The RNLI crew woke the sailor and escorted him to Dover marina, where he was able to moor for the night on Saturday, October 16.

Coxswain Stuart Richardson said: "He was lucky – another few minutes and he'd have been aground. October has been unusually busy for us – this was our fourth call-out in seven days."

Project's final river clean before winter

THE River Dour in Dover is to be cleaned for the final time this year before its brown trout are left in peace to breed.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project will be meeting volunteers for the river-tidy tomorrow (Thursday) at Morrisons car park in Charlton Green.

This is the final time this year efforts can be made to remove litter before the river must be left so the trout are not disturbed during their breeding period.

Paul Willmott, of WCCP, said: "We do one river-clean a month between April and October. In the winter we leave the riverbed alone because of breeding trout."

For more details, phone 07880 706991 or visit www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/.

Look out or these superb relics could be lost to us

■ BY NICK AMES

IT is believed that 16 lookers' huts still exist on Romney Marsh – albeit in vastly differing states of repair – but at one time the number stood nearer 350.

These small structures, about 10ft square and with a chimney, were positioned in remote parts of the Marsh, but many today are little more than piles of bricks.

A relatively intact example still stands about a mile from Dymchurch, best reached down Eastbridge Road, which winds inland across the fields, before leading to a marked public footpath.

The 'huts' – technically sheep houses – are the former dwellings of Romney Marsh 'lookers', the men who tended the flocks of Romney sheep.

It is thought the system was in operation until the 1950s but dates from a much earlier time.

Lookers first appeared in the aftermath of the Great Plague in the Middle Ages, when absentee landowners began buying farms and land on the depopulated Marsh and turning them into estates. Lookers were paid to oversee

vast flocks and had to cover a large area of terrain in a single day, often walking many miles or riding horses across the desolate landscape.

Their knowledge of the Marsh and its remote shelters also made lookers the ally of many smugglers. It is likely the relationship was two-way, with lookers providing services to smugglers and earning financial rewards or goods in return.

The Marsh farmers required easily-manageable sheep as well as dedicated lookers.

"The Romney sheep was bred for the area and could fend for itself rather than needing close shepherding," said farmer Howard Bates.

"They are superb grazing animals and extremely docile. They won't jump ditches."

Through careful breeding, the Romney established a global reputation for hardy dependability and meat and wool quality.

The lookers' huts were crucial at lambing and shearing time. They were used to store tools, but the looker could be holed up in one for up to six weeks in the lambing season, relying on his family to bring provisions.

Another survivor of this bygone era is looker's pie. Today, the dish features on many local restaurant and pub menus. The ingredients are lamb, potatoes, onions, lamb stock, mint, salt, pepper and egg wrapped in pastry.



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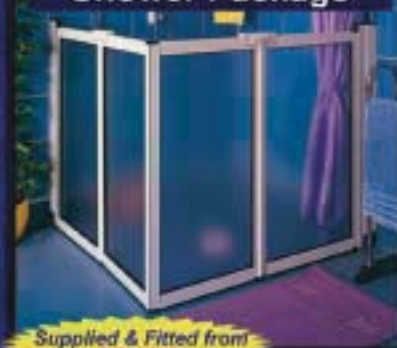
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Familiarity breeds comic possibilities in 'virtual' village

"COUNCIL Killjoys: No More Cat Throwing" screams the headline from one of the many bizarre stories featured on the new Paddlesworth Press website.

When it comes to blurring fact with fiction, there are few more baffling ventures out there than this online newspaper spoof inspired by two very real Kent locations.

Although the website has shamelessly stolen certain elements of the real-life Paddlesworth, near Folkestone – including village pub The Cat And Custard Pot – the make-believe community is based in the also-factual lost settlement of Paddlesworth, in Snodland.

And to make things even more confusing, many of the characters featured in the stories have Facebook, Twitter or MySpace accounts which are updated regularly to keep the charade going.

Former Cambridge University student Stephen Eisenhammer, 23, is one of the creators of the website, which he describes as "the world's first mixed-media, collaborative novel".

He said: "We thought it would be exciting to let readers influence what happens in Paddlesworth."

"Within a day [of starting the site] we had people posting comments and claiming to be characters from our community, playing along and asking the editor to launch a campaign to save the cat-throwing tradition."

"What really thrilled us was the way we could lose the boundaries between us and the readers, because we felt there was a slight pointlessness in writing satirical papers without that interaction."

In addition to the numerous news stories,

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

blogs and sports profiles included on the Paddlesworth Press website, there are also other familiar newspaper sections including horoscopes and letters.

The website is only planning to run for 10 weeks, as one of the main stories featured – leaked to reporters by a rogue astrophysicist – reveals that Earth will be wiped out at that point by an errant solar flare.

Mr Eisenhammer revealed that about 50 people work on the site, including television stand-up comedian Jack Whitehall.

He said: "It's a reflection of the current economic climate because if we all had really good jobs then we wouldn't need to do it."

"We all remember the excitement of writing plays and editing newspapers at university, but now we've graduated to find there are no opportunities to do what we know we are good at."

"People were so keen to get involved with the project because it's so nice to have a forum on which to demonstrate your creativity."

Mr Eisenhammer revealed that although the fictional village of Paddlesworth has a Medway postcode, he has no idea where any parcels or letters sent to it will end up.

He also admitted he had not considered how those people living in the real-life community near Folkestone might feel about the light-hearted identity theft.

"I hope they're not upset," he said. "I can imagine it would be very odd to read about certain parts of their village on our website, but it's a very small place so I'm sure they'll see the funny side."

• Go to www.paddlesworthpress.co.uk to read more news about the village



SMALL WONDER: The real village's claims to fame

Otter revival bypasses busy Kent

KENT has been singled out as the worst place in the UK for otters to thrive.

Blame has been put on the density of development in the county, creating too many dangerous road and rail crossings.

The grim conclusion is drawn by the Environment Agency, which has found that the once-endangered otter is now found in every English county except Kent.

Otters almost disappeared in the 1970s after pesticides brought their numbers to near-extinction levels.

With those chemicals now banned, they are thriving once again in rivers across England.

Tom Reid, a technical specialist on the agency's fisheries, recreation and biodiversity team, said: "There is a suggestion there are otters in the River Medway, but the population is so small it is probably not sustainable – there have been no sightings for three years. We have had no sightings on the River Stour for some time."



COMEBACK: But Kent is the only otter-free English county

Mr Reid said movement was the main problem in Kent because of the many road and rail crossings over rivers. Young otters needed to move on to find their own homes but were being killed en route, he said.

"A solution would be to install safe crossings for otters when new development is taking place. We have fantastic water quality and good fish populations, so there is nothing wrong with the environment – it's just the problems they have reaching these areas."

Jon Bramley, of the Kent Mammal Group, said: "It really is down to having money available to pay for these crossings."

"In some cases, it would be quite easy to drill tunnels under roads and put a pipe in. It doesn't disrupt the road and provides a relatively simple way for otters to get across."

"But it is down to a lack of finances. Perhaps it will improve in future, but that is the situation we find ourselves in now."



REALITY CHECK: The Cat And Custard Pot pub even has an online fictional counterpart over at the Paddlesworth Press

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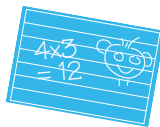
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Kent County Council has extended a pilot scheme to make short breaks available across the county for disabled children aged up to 18 and those who have special needs.

Short breaks help to increase the quality of life for disabled children and their families. The activities will include family days out and fun days for just children and young people so they can meet others their age while parents and carers can enjoy some respite.

Activities will be available for children with autism, complex health needs or life-limiting conditions, as well as those with physical, cognitive and sensory impairments and challenging behaviour.

To qualify for a short-break activity, children and young people must receive Disability Living Allowance.

The Government-funded Aiming High For Disabled Children Short Breaks Transformation Programme is being delivered jointly with the Department of Health.

Sarah Hohler, KCC cabinet member for children, families and education, said: "The pilot scheme in Dartford and Maidstone was really successful. The feedback from families was warmly welcomed and helped shape the scheme as it was expanded across the county."

Families can find out about the activities taking place during this half-term and also that in February 2011 by phoning CASE Kent on 01843 588780 or 07786 618237.

Hairy Bikers inspire pupils to dish up inspired menus

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

STUDENTS at Pent Valley Technology College tested their taste buds in a food challenge inspired by a recent television programme.

Those at the school in Surrenden Road, Folkestone, wanted to find out more about the diverse and delicious food produced in this country thanks to the Hairy Bikers' Mums Know Best show.

Pupils were asked to seek inspiration from their parents and grandparents and research old cookery books as part of the 2010 Challenge For Secondary Schools.

During British Food Fortnight the Key Stage 3 students were required to design and submit a three-course menu in the most imaginative and innovative way. Out of that group, eight were chosen to prepare and cook their dishes.

Alia Hobbs of 7F prepared toad in the hole with potatoes and green peas, while Phoebe Dakin of 7E cooked a wonderful dish of pork in cider with apples.

Courtne Carter of 7F also cooked pork in cider, while Adam Howard of the same form and 8S's Lara Mercer both prepared their own version of shepherd's pie.

Lara said: "I thought it would be fun. Me and my nan make it all the time."

Adam, who wants to be a chef when he's older, said: "I got this meal from my grandpa. My grandpa was brought up on a farm, so a good choice of meat was readily available."



Picture: SOPHIE PORTER

COOKING UP A STORM: Pent Valley Technology College contestants with their meals - made from British produce

Elliot Charles, 7F, prepared a chicken stew; Jack Dickenson of 7S decided on spicy ribs with salad, wedges, sour cream and chives; and 7E's Jessica Green cooked a rather different dish of rabbit pie.

Guest judge was Pino Mazzamuto, who has been a chef for 32 years and runs his own restaurant, Giovanni's.

Students were judged on the presentation and taste of their dishes, and also on the cleanliness of their workstations.

The winner by just two marks was Phoebe Dakin, who produced a menu of Whitstable angels on horseback for starter, pork cider in

apples for a main course and fruit charlotte with berry ice-cream for dessert.

Food technology teacher Pauline Francis said: "The standard was very high. Phoebe's meal was excellently presented and she is a worthy winner."

Phoebe's menu will now be submitted nationwide to the 2010 School Challenge For Secondary Schools.

The winning school will be invited to cook its chosen meal for HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and the Hairy Bikers.

• With thanks to Belle Bojku and Sophie Porter of 12 Dyson.

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John Thomson

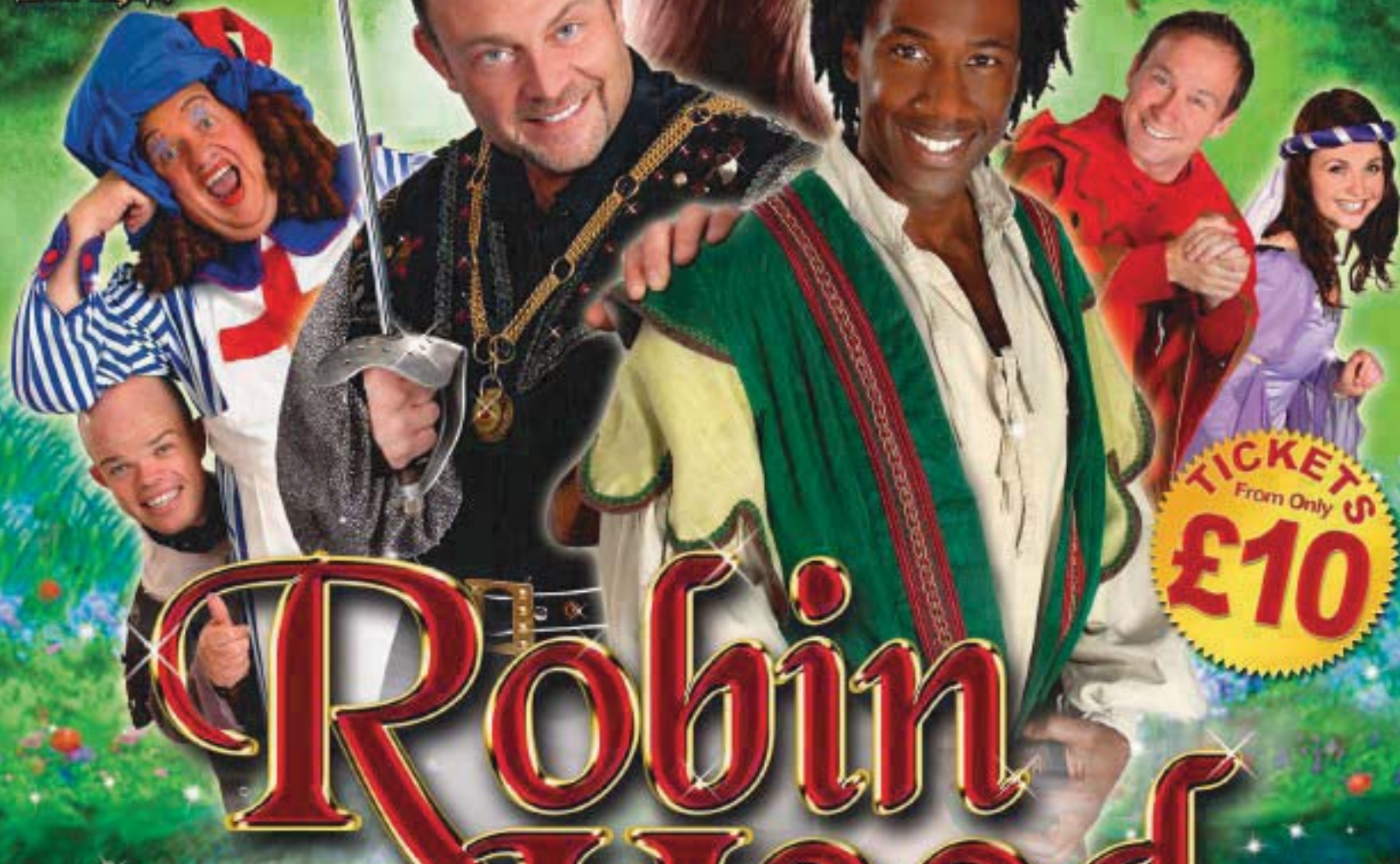
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YOUR LETTERS

Brighthouse hardly regeneration, is it!

With regard to the story 'New shops job boost lined up for Dover', does this really point to regeneration of the town and more jobs?

I doubt it, as jobs were lost when Paynes greengrocers shut, and also La Senza lingerie branch closed to be knocked into one large unit with the former Roseby's for Brighthouse.

Brighthouse and Greggs – it's hardly regeneration as both are aimed at poor people.

Dover still has three prime retail units empty near M&S – the former Game store, the former Currys Digital and the former charity shop, as well as the old Mothercare and Evans.

'gabbyco'

message left on www.kentnews.co.uk

We must unite in bid to beat Con-Dem cuts

So just as the Blair/Bush so-called Coalition Of The Willing went ahead with its illegal and disastrous attack on Iraq in 2003, about which it was warned well before of the consequences, now the Con-Dem 'Coalition Of The Shilling' has gone ahead with its highly irresponsible and equally disastrous cuts to the economy and public services.

In an ideological binge it has ignored the warnings of many leading economists like US Nobel Prize-winner Joseph Stiglitz, who said recently "To choose austerity is to bet it all on the confidence fairy".

Another, the 2010 UK Nobel winner Christopher Pissardides warned Chancellor George Osborne, just before last week's spending review, not to cut benefits in a recession, saying "The risk is essentially that people will sink into poverty".

They, and others like David Blanchflower and Paul Krugman, have also argued the same and that it's better to use targeted investments in the economy as a better way of both cutting the deficit, via increased taxes from job creation and reviving economies.

Indeed, South Korea is looking to make its infrastructure more green in a bid to provide jobs and work its way out of the slump.

The Green New Deal advocated by the UK Green Party could see up to one million jobs doing much the same here, along with improving social housing – the South East especially may lose this greatly under current plans – and public transport.

The last of these will likely see fare rises of almost 10 per cent in the next five years in Kent, thus causing job losses through unaffordability and people not travelling, as well as forcing people back in their cars, further damaging the environment.

The Coalition's 'bright future just over the horizon' may as well be twinned with Never Never Land because of the cuts and the fingers-

your blogger

Why the 7/7 inquest has got Gary Wright questioning the attitude of our emergency services



NOTHING can bring back the people who lost their lives in the 7/7 bombings by terrorists.

But what of our fire-fighters and medics? Those trained men and women who hung back from the wreckage, unable to do their job in case there was another bomb? Or, perhaps, refusing to do their job?

They are not to blame for the deaths. However, they are the people who we, in a civilised, first-world society, rely upon to come to our aid.

There is growing evidence that that is not always the case any more in health-and-safety-obsessed Britain and the 7/7 inquest has given new examples.

We in Britain don't criticise our paramedics and fire-fighters much (not so the police). Because we all have admiration for what they do and most of us could not imagine doing their job, they are guaranteed public support.

For me, the most moving evidence at the July 7 inquest so far came from two of the survivors on the Aldgate train. Some of the seriously injured passengers took up to 40 minutes to die, in agony, as they waited in vain for professional help.

One survivor, Steven Desborough, who described his own attempt to help the dying in the wreckage of the carriage that had been travelling in front of him, was evidently still frustrated and angered five years on as he told the inquest how Carrie Taylor, 24, died in his arms while he waited for the medical

aid that took more than half an hour to finally arrive.

The other witness was Michael Henning, a passenger, who expressed frustration at the fire-fighters he approached, just 150 feet away, who were waiting until they were sure there was no second bomb.

These people have been trained to save ordinary folk, victims who could be any one of us, who believe that someone in uniform will arrive in times of crisis to save them.

This saddened me enormously. Surely simple humanity would encourage a fire-fighter to make their own decision?

Surely, when you decide to be a fireman, you know there will be risks but you want to save people? If you'd been off duty and on board that train, I believe you would have done the right thing.

Surely there will be stories to come in this inquest, which will run into 2011, of fire-fighters and medics whose humanity made them ignore the health-and-safety fears of their bosses and just did the right thing?

That right thing might only have been to administer morphine to the fatally wounded and ensure minimum pain in those final minutes.

I could not imagine the cutting free and clearing up after a bad motorway smash, and for that alone fire-fighters and ambulance crews have my admiration.

But I expect them to be heroes, too, and if people have died in pain while emergency personnel stood only a few yards away, then perhaps they should be ashamed.

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crossed hope that the private sector creates 5.2 million jobs in five years.

That sector barely managed 1.6m from 2000-08 in a 'boomtime' and many of those were minimum-wage positions. These ideological cuts – for a Dickensian Britain, in many people's views – must be resisted.

Not just through strikes and marches by the unions and others, but I suggest by imaginative civil disobedience such as letting people on trains for free, posting inland letters for free, supermarket staff giving free food to those on benefits once a week, and much more.

Either way, things may not be easy for a while, but if, say, Labour and the Greens start cooperating fully on the Green New Deal, closing tax loopholes, mutualising the banks and bringing in the Robin Hood tax, alongside people taking the above protests, we can stop the 'Greedy Shillings' in their tracks.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

There's no power to Farage argument

Energy Secretary Chris Huhne said the opposite to what Nigel Farage quoted in his kentnews.co.uk blog (www.kentnews.co.uk/blog.aspx?bid=712&source=0).

He has promised that the lights will not go out on his watch. In actual fact we used 7 per cent less electricity in 2009 than in 2005, so with the gas-fired and biomass



stations and wind farms under way, the generating margin is improved.

Mr Farage ought to know that eDF in France is in financial meltdown as its tariffs are unable to support an upgrading or replacement programme for 48 of its 58 reactors.

As France is 76 per cent dependent on nuclear electricity, quite a few of its lights will soon go out.

But the real energy problem is the passing of a global peak in oil production last year, which will decimate vehicle and aircraft manufacturing and empty the roads and skies. So electricity requirements will fall further with less need for road and runway lighting.

Mr Farage has not understood the actual problem.

John Busby
by email

Nigel's thinking needs the winds of change

As usual, Nigel Farage's thinking on wind power is very selective, inaccurate and/or ill-informed, and as for climate change I suggest that he gets his information from more reliable sources and tells the whole

story when quoting the ones he uses.

Wind energy is one of the cleanest, safest and most cost-effective forms of energy available.

Offshore is of course more expensive, but the simple answer is to stop opposing onshore wind farms. Of course, it is not perfect, but as part of a total renewables package it's exactly what we need, as has been well established by Denmark.

Also, we can build the equivalent capacity of a nuclear power station in wind power far more quickly and far more cheaply onshore.

It has been estimated the average UK onshore wind farm will pay back the energy used in its manufacture within about six months.

Throughout its working life, a wind turbine can produce 80 times the energy used to make it. And most of the metal can be recycled.

A modern wind turbine is designed to operate for 20-plus years and, unlike coal or nuclear power stations, can be quickly dismantled and the area restored to low financial and environmental cost.

The UK's transmission system already operates with a significant amount of back-up to manage the instantaneous loss of power from large power stations.

Coal, gas and nuclear plants can and do suffer from unexpected 'outages' when they must be shut down, often at short notice and sometimes for long periods (both Kingsnorth and Dungeness have been operating at reduced capacity recently).

This is much more difficult to deal with than the variability of wind power as such plants operate on a much larger scale. At present levels, variations in output from wind farms are barely noticeable over and above fluctuations in supply and demand.

Accommodating significant amounts of wind capacity on the electricity system is not likely to pose any major operational challenge. This view has been confirmed by the National Grid and by a report commissioned by the Carbon Trust.

"At best they run at 26 per cent, which means you can only expect to get 1MW from a 4MW turbine," wrote Mr Farage.

He must have misunderstood the figures. Wind turbines in the UK generate, on average, 27 per cent of their theoretical maximum output, as compared with 53 per cent for conventional power stations.

This is known as its load (or capacity) factor and is sometimes confused with the amount of time a wind turbine operates for. A typical wind turbine in the UK will, in fact, generate some electricity for 80 per cent to 85 per cent of the time.

Efficiency is important if the fuel is expensive. Coal and gas power stations are about 36 per cent and 55 per cent efficient respectively.

Wind power delivers about two and a half times as much electricity during periods of high electricity demand, such as the winter, as during periods of low demand.

Low wind speeds affecting 90 per cent or more of the UK occur in around one hour in every five years during winter. The chance of wind turbines shutting down due to high wind speeds is rare – high winds affecting 40 per cent or more of the UK would occur in around one hour every 10 years.

Onshore wind does not receive Government subsidies. Renewable electricity produced from whatever technology receives a Renewable Obligation payment in acknowledgement of its clean, low-carbon output which is paid via consumer bills.

Opponents of wind energy seem far less concerned about the larger subsidies given to fossil fuels.

According to the New Economics Foundation report, Up In Smoke (2004), industrialised countries (OECD) provided a subsidy of \$73 billion a year to their fossil-fuel industries in the 1990s, with a further \$162bn subsidising fossil fuels in non-OECD countries.

Nuclear power has received huge subsidies over the years and now British taxpayers have to fork out more than £70bn to decommission existing nuclear power stations and deal with toxic wastes.

"During last winter, that coldest of cold snaps, according to official statistics". This statement is rather myopic as it relates only to the UK and parts of Europe. Taking the world as a whole, temperatures in the spring were above normal. You can check with NASA.

The people who could have been employed at Dungeness C could very easily be employed in renewable energy. Up to a million such jobs could be created in the UK. It's all been fully costed by the Green Party.

Robin Kinraid
by email

Housing service shake-up

SHEPWAY council has approved plans to set up an arms-length management organisation (ALMO) with three other east Kent local authorities to manage their housing services.

Almost 10,000 people took part in a 12-week consultation across Shepway, Canterbury, Dover and Thanet.

It comes as Shepway has seen a jump in the number of those on its social-housing register over the past year, from 1,702 to 2,917 – an increase of just over 41 per cent.

It is estimated the ALMO would make savings of £1.5 million over the next few years and possibly more in the longer term, through improved repairs contracts and the sharing of administration.

These savings would be reinvested to improve help at evenings and weekends and give more involvement for tenants and

leaseholders in how things are run and the standard of service they receive.

More than 50 face-to-face events were held across east Kent, in addition to phone surveys and newsletters delivered to people's doors. In Shepway, the response rate to the consultation was 63 per cent.

Tenants were asked what they thought about their councils working together and about setting up an ALMO to manage their council-housing service.

More than 70 per cent of those in Shepway thought it was a good idea for their council to work with others in east Kent and to form the ALMO to run their services.

A Section 27 application will now be submitted to the Tenant Services Authority.

If it approves the plans, the four councils will be asked in December 2010 or January 2011 to make the final decision.

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Our country's fighting footballers

■ BY NICK AMES

THE strains of The Last Post echoed across the air on Thursday last week as a memorial to one of the most unusual fighting units of the First World War was unveiled.

The Somme – scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in the battle against the Kaiser's Germany – was the setting for a memorial to the Footballers' Battalion – which embarked from Folkestone to fight in 1916.

Gareth Ainsworth, a forward with Wycombe Wanderers, delivered a blast on the whistle and the assembly fell silent to pay its respects at the solemn event in northern France.

The same week Andrew Riddoch and John Kemp's book *When The Whistle Blows*, which tells the story of 17th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment – made up of the footballers – was published.

Named the Footballers' Battalion because most of its soldiers were recruited from amateur and professional clubs, the 17th was raised in 1914 – a time when there was mounting pressure on professional clubs in particular to contribute to the war effort.

It went on to fight at the Somme, where 500 of its officers and men were killed in less than three weeks, then Redan Ridge – 300 more dead – and Oppy Wood, where, of the troops who went 'over the top', just one officer and 40 men came back; there had been 462 fatalities.

Members of the battalion embarked for France in November 1916, with the majority walking down Folkestone's Road of Remembrance after what the battalion's official history calls "a long and tedious journey".



JOINING UP: Young men go to enlist, above, and, right, *When The Whistle Blows* tells the Footballers' Battalion tale

They embarked on the SS Princess Victoria, bound for the trenches.

"When war broke out, there was antipathy towards – particularly professional – footballers," said Mr Riddoch. "It was felt they were not contributing to the war effort."

"People who didn't like the pro game used the fact that matches were taking place and crowds of young men were watching them to criticise it."

So the Footballers' Battalion was born.

Mr Riddoch said: "Unlike the other 'pals' battalions' which were an exercise in civic pride or the results of workers coming together, this was a reaction to a feeling that footballers were not 'doing their bit'."

"It was a stigma which followed them around, even into the trenches."

But the book tells in fine detail how the players did their bit in the conflict with Germany and her allies from 1914 until 1918.

Among those who died were Sid Wheelhouse, captain of Grimsby Town and "a

model player both on and off the field who endeared himself to all who knew him".

Bob 'Pom Pom' Whiting, the Brighton and Hove Albion and Chelsea goalkeeper "renowned for the phenomenal distance of his goal kicks" which could bounce over the opposition cross-bar, was killed attending to the wounded. His career started with a Tunbridge Wells club.

Suffered

"I can honestly tell you it is all work and very little play," said Pvt Whiting of his experiences.

Walter Tull, the first black outfield player and an officer from Dover, was killed in action.

Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Peter Roney suffered what would now be called post-traumatic stress and died a broken man.

Manchester United player Oscar Linkson died in action, while Joseph Mercer of Nottingham Forest was wounded and captured, never recovering his health and dying a few years after the Armistice.

The fortunes of those members of the battal-



ion who survived the Western Front were mixed. Striker Jack Cock was transferred from Huddersfield to Chelsea in 1918 for a fee of £2,650 and went on to appear in films, including one alongside Rex Harrison, while Fred Keenor shrugged off the effects of a wounded knee and led Cardiff City to FA Cup victory over Arsenal in 1927.

Jackie Sheldon of Liverpool survived the war having joined up after a betting scandal around a match against Manchester United in 1915 that was found to be rigged.

England international Viv Woodward began his career at Clacton Town Football Club and joined Tottenham Hotspur in 1901.

Woodward joined David Calderhead's Chelsea in 1909 and went on to play in 116 games for them, scoring 34 goals. He was the Stamford Bridge club's leading scorer in the 1912-13 season, when he scored 10 goals.

At the start of the First World War, he enlisted in the British Army. He did not play many matches during the 1914-15 season but was given special leave to join Chelsea at Old Trafford for the so-called Khaki Cup Final when Bob Thomson was injured.

However, Thomson recovered and Woodward refused to play and deny Thomson his chance to play in an FA Cup final as he himself had not played in any of the qualifying matches.

Woodward was injured later in the war and did not return to top-class football.

Most decorated was Captain Allastair McReady-Diarmid, awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross for his part in stopping the German counterattack at Cambrai in 1917.

Armed with a revolver and bag of hand-grenades, he is reported to have killed or wounded 94 enemy soldiers before he himself died in a bomb-blast.

Halloween

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THE Lupin Garden, a free exhibition of life's significant moments, is taking place at the Harbour Arm Gallery, Margate.

Take along an object that reminds you of an important moment in your life for it to be recorded in the book of memories.

The show is open from 11am to 3pm on Thursdays, 11am to 4.30pm on Saturday and 12pm to 4.30pm on Sundays.

Fancy dress and film

KENT County Cricket Club holds a Fireworks Extravaganza at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, at 5.30pm on Saturday, October 30.

Ghostbusters will be screened at 6pm, with a fancy dress competition in the interval. Fireworks begin at 8.20pm and there will be a funfair and refreshments.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s, and a family ticket is £25 from www.kentccc.com or call 01227 456886.

Collectables for sale

A COLLECTORS fair takes place in Margate on Sunday, November 20.

Stamps, postcards, playing cards, militaria, coins, cigarette cards, books, and small collectables will be amongst the stalls at the Union Church, Union Crescent from 10am to 3pm.

Entry is free. Call 01843 862707 for more information.

Bonfire celebrations

The Acol Village Hall committee holds its Bonfire and Firework display on the recreation field on Friday, November 5.

Gates open at 6.30pm with the fireworks starting at 7pm. Entry is £3 for adults, £2 for children and free for under fives. Proceeds go to the Acol Village Hall committee.

For details call 01843 847705/840901.

Funfair and fireworks

A FIREWORKS display will be held in Broadstairs on Friday, November 5.

There will be music from the Jeff Miller Band at the Bandstand at 6pm, a family disco at 8pm at The Pavilion and a funfair in Victoria Gardens from 5.30pm to 9pm. The fireworks start at 8pm. Details at www.broadstairs5thnovevent.org.uk or call 07964 962155.

Brit-flick film screening

THE Gulbenkian Cinema and Café will be screening Made in Dagenham from Friday, October 29 to November 4.

The film tells of the 1968 protest at the Ford plant in Dagenham, when the female workers who made car seats protested against sexual discrimination.

Screenings run until to November 4. Book at www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian or on 01227 769075.

Local produce market

DEAL farmers market takes place every Wednesday in the town hall.

It runs from 9am to 1pm and has stalls packed with local produce and crafts, Asian and African cuisine, free range eggs and meat, plants and herbs.

Call Deal Town Council on 01304 361999 for more information.

Have you got the music in you?

MUSIC FOR CHANGE, WEEKEND ARTS CENTRE

From Saturday, November 13,
Chaucer Technology School, Canterbury



AN arts and educational charity has announced the launch of its first Weekend Arts Centre in Canterbury for aspiring performers.

Running every Saturday during term time at the Chaucer Technology School, the project will offer everyone between the ages of six and 16 the chance to learn and develop skills in music, singing, song-writing, dancing, storytelling, drama and drumming.

Under the Music for Change banner, it will be taught by a combination of local talent and internationally acclaimed artists and performers.

It will offer highly exciting, alternative and motivating Saturday morning experiences for young people who are keen to develop their skills.

Lucky Moyo and Andrew Matthews will be leading some of the creative sessions.

Lucky has worked as a professional singer, dancer and choreographer and shared stages with the likes of Jimmy Cliff and Peter Gabriel, performed to Nelson Mandela and appeared on programmes such as BBC's Blue Peter and The Jools Holland Show.

With 20 years experience in the trade, his work has taken him all over the world, and he is now an accomplished workshop leader, who believes that the experience of sharing is at the core of each activity.

Lucky's methods highlight how much participants can achieve, both on an individual and group level. His flexible approach to learning has made him an ideal workshop leader, not just in schools, but also in community centres, arts-based training, at conferences and general public workshops.

Lucky is also a member of the UK-based group U Zambezi and continues to do both educational and performance work with the group.

Andrew, a Kent-based musician, specialises in pop and rock formats, as well as in rap.

He has performed with several bands as singer, guitarist and bass player, and is currently with the Bohemia Ukulele Band.

All abilities will be catered for, as it is personal development and the desire to teach creativity that is at the forefront of this scheme.

The Music for Change Weekend Arts Centre runs for three-hour sessions, from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. They begin on Saturday, November 13. Each morning session will cost £15, paid in termly instalments.

Artistic director, Nick Williamson, said: "Music for Change has taken its work and its vision into venues across Kent, the South East and beyond. Now it has the chance to bring



young people to its own premises on a regular basis; making us able to promote continued involvement in the arts and personal growth, whilst fostering a love of music and spreading the joy of engagement with the arts."

Nick was born and educated in Kent before moving to London to continue his studies and pursue a career as a professional musician.

He has worked extensively on tour nationally and internationally and in the West End.

He was the musical director of High School Musical when it visited the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury as part of its national tour.

Nick has also worked with a number of education and development departments.

For more information about the Weekend Arts Centre, please email info@musicforchange.org or call the office team on 01227 459243.

The Music for Change scheme was set up to engage all members of the community, especially children and young people, to help them fulfil their creative potential.

It was formed in 1997 and specialises in educational projects, celebratory events and specifically targeted projects.

It has grown from a fledgling charity to become one of the UK's leading organisations working within the educational and arts sector.





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HADOUKEN!

Friday, October 29, Brake Hall, the Ashford School



TEENAGERS in Ashford have pulled off a coup by booking a cult band to play at a school.

Hadouken!, a band who received a huge amount of press at the peak of the much-hyped new rave movement, will play at the Ashford School's Brake Hall to a crowd of up to 500.

The gig has been organised by teenage promoters, Intimacy Promotions.

The Leeds band, who fuse grime-rapping, electronica and rock to produce a unique sound, are best known for tracks That Boy That Girl, Crank It Up, Turn The Lights Out and Mic

Check. Their debut album Music for an Accelerated Culture sold 100,000 copies and the band won the best electronic artist category at the BT Digital Music Awards in 2008.

Intimacy's Joshua Heyburn said: "The band decided to play smaller shows in towns they've rarely or never been to before.

They will be supported by Pocket Lips, and Ashford dub-step act Mr Strong.

The gig is for anyone aged 14 or older. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £15 from www.seetickets.com or www.hadouken.com.



THE DEAD HAND

Sunday, November 7,

Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



THE year is 1850. Young, easy-going Arthur Holliday has come to Doncaster for the races, but all the hotel rooms are full.

All, that is, except for one remaining twin room that he'll have to share with a stranger.

It's not until he's agreed to take the room that he discovers his roommate is recently deceased.

Even then, all might be well, if it wasn't for the dead hand.

The production is brought to the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club by Rumpus Theatre Company, the team behind last year's successful version of Edgar Allen

Poe's The Horrific Case of Mr Valdemar.

Rumpus favourites David Martin and Amanda Howard, who appeared in the TV series Band of Gold, join Nicholas Gilbrook in this concoction of horror, lust and black magic.

Tickets for the show cost £10.50 for club members and £12.50 for non members. Book by calling the box office on 0845 2626263 or go online to www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Visit www.rumpustheatrecmpny.co.uk for additional information on the show.

YOUTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE



Saturday, November 13, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

TRIBUTES to the fallen generation will be made at a Youth Festival of Remembrance in Folkestone.

The event is similar to the Royal Albert Hall's Festival of Remembrance, but places an emphasis on young people giving thanks to those who gave their lives fighting for this country.

The youth of Folkestone and the Shepway district will show their respect by dedicating a night to all those who died in conflicts both past and present.

It will also enable them to show support for our armed services serving in Afghanistan.

Money will be raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Festival is run and organised by volunteers and is being sponsored by Folkestone Town Council and The Roger De Hann Charitable Trust, who between them have donated £5,000.

Shepway District Council have enabled the hall to be used free of charge for the day.

Tickets are £7.50 each, and the show starts at 6pm.

Call the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 0844 847 1776 or book online by visiting www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



LONELY HEARTS CLUB SHOW

Saturday, November 6, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



BEATLEMANIA will rear its screaming head when the Lonely Hearts Club Show comes to Folkestone.

The show has hit the road once more, following a fantastic debut tour, thrilling audiences all over the UK and achieving nightly standing ovations.

This stunning note-for-note production brings one of rock and roll's greatest landmark albums back to life in truly breath-taking fashion and features some of the best musicians from the Fab Four's home town of Liverpool.

Expect to hear Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite, Lovely Rita, When I'm 64, With a Little Help from my Friends and of course Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

The production includes a spellbinding new light show, original big screen animations and a host of surprises, making it a must for Beatles fans old and new.

The performance of Sgt Pepper in its entirety will be followed by an hour of Beatles classics live.

Tickets cost £25 each and the show starts at 8pm. £1 from each ticket will go to the Beatles Day Foundation.

Call the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 0844 847 1776 or book online by visiting www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Until Friday, October 29,
St Gregory's Centre for Music,
Canterbury Christ Church University



Canterbury Christ Church University is offering an exciting series of free lunchtime concerts as part of Canterbury Festival.

The concerts will include a range of themes from a celebration of Schumann and Brahms, to tributes to the great latin big bands and take place on weekdays.

The university's director of music, Professor Grenville Hancox, said: "The university is proud to play such a significant part in the Canterbury Festival."

The festival opened on Saturday, October 16 with a VIP event at the university's library, Augustine House, followed by a concert by the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Radio, in Canterbury Cathedral.

The 30th anniversary of Canterbury Christ Church's media department, will be celebrated on Saturday, October 30. A reception will be followed by screenings and a special This is Your Life review of the department presented by staff, former students and special guests.

Concerts start at 1pm each day.

For further information about the concerts programme call 01227 782244 or go to: www.canterbury.ac.uk/events.



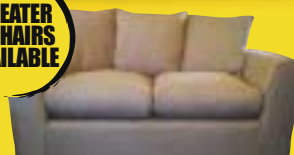
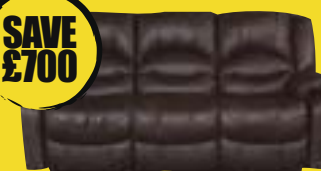
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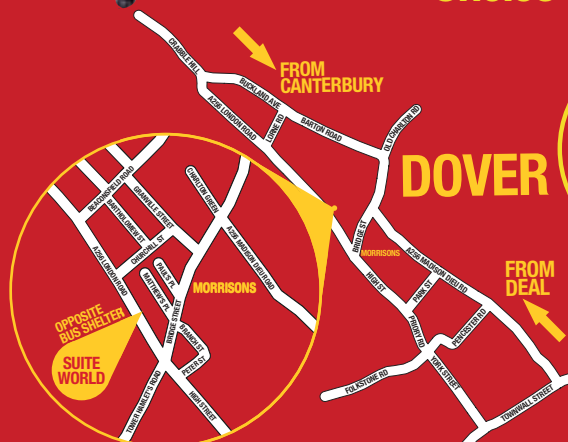
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HAULIER Alan Firmin has taken delivery of a new fleet and donated the sides of a trailer to promote the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership's Cut the Crashes campaign.

Website cutthecrashes.com informs about safe driving practices and free registration enables the download of resources aimed at business road users.

Fleet operations manager Stuart Joyce said: "We have a large numbers of lorries on the roads every day and safety is paramount. We have excellent driver training and on-going assessments for all of our drivers. By donating advertising space to the partnership we can support the partnership in helping reduce crashes and save lives."

SMALL firms in Kent with big ideas on tackling climate change have little more than a week to put themselves forward for the chance to win a Shell Springboard award of up to £40,000. The aim is to highlight the role of small businesses in developing products or services which combat climate change.

Shell UK chairman James Smith said: "Small companies in the South East that have great products for tackling climate change can get help to grow with no-strings financial awards from Shell Springboard."

An online application form can be found at www.shellsspringboard.org and entries close at 5pm on Friday, November 5.

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Why everyone has part to play in the Big Society

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

LOCAL businesses have been urged to support the Government's Big Society idea by playing a more active role in community life.

Digital marketing specialist Jonnie Jensen says companies should take a leaf out of their American counterparts' book by organising public events and contributing to good causes, thus raising their profile among potential customers.

Mr Jensen – who owns the Tmandi social media marketing firm – is taking part in a panel discussion on the subject at Archant KOS Media's Business Week Live event on Wednesday, November 10, at the County Showground, Detling, near Maidstone.

He said: "Social responsibility is something of a buzzword but it's an element of people's marketing activity that has become increasingly important. As far as what I think the Big Society should be about, larger companies are already getting involved, such as Tesco giving tokens for books for schools, computers and so on.

"But that needs to start coming down to small and medium-size businesses too; not because it's a nice thing for them to do but because they need to do something that gets them recognised by their target audience.

"But it needs to be in some way relevant to whatever the company is trying to sell. For example, it's not going to work if you've got a morbidly obese businessman promoting healthy eating or sports in the community."

Prime Minister David Cameron launched the



GET INVOLVED: Jonnie Jensen, left, sees David Cameron's Big Society idea as an essential marketing tool for business

Big Society idea in July, saying he wanted to empower communities by allowing residents to have more say in how local decisions are made.

Examples include taking over the running of post offices and libraries, or forming committees to decide on local housing targets.

As well as encouraging greater volunteering and philanthropy, Mr Cameron has also confirmed plans to use funds stuck in dormant bank and building society accounts to enable charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to take over the running of public services. Mr Jensen reiterated his belief that small

and medium-sized firms should take full advantage of the new strategy.

He said: "I think we are a way down the line from the average guy in the street saying, Yes, I think local businesses should give something back to the community."

"But I've spent a lot of time in America and they organise events like food drives and street cleans all the time. It's not such an alien concept over there, but they don't call it Big Society – they call it clever marketing."

• See story below for more information on Business Week Live, or go to www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

Lord Howard agrees to set the agenda

ONE-time Conservative Party leader and former Folkestone and Hythe MP Michael Howard will open the speeches at the inaugural Business Week Live Show on November 10.

The Tory grandee, who stood down at the May General Election and now sits in the Lords as Baron Howard of Lympne, can be relied on for a lively view of the coalition's progress under his successor as party leader, David Cameron.

After training as a barrister, he was elected in 1983 and became a minister just four years later, going on to hold Cabinet posts before attempting to lead his party back into office at the 2005 election.

He was renowned as a tough debater and famously clashed on TV with Newsnight's Jeremy Paxman, as well as drawing the quote: "There is something of the night about him" from fellow Kent MP Ann Widdecombe.

And there will be surely be an extra edge to his speech at the show as it falls just three weeks to the day after the new Government's Comprehensive Spending



SPEAKER: Michael Howard

Review. Business Week Live has been created by Archant KOS Media for business owners, entrepreneurs and managers

across all sectors and from small to medium enterprises to large private and public organisations and agencies.

It is being staged at the County Showground and Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said: "BWL offers true value to attendees at a crucial time in their planning process, post-CSR and prior to the crunch year of 2011. Everyone and every business needs to know where the opportunities will be."

In addition to sourcing suppliers and partners, visitors will get free access to a conference programme and workshop of more than 20 speakers.

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Other topics include:

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- Going Digital: with expert Jonnie Jensen, who has 10 years' experience in the sector with companies such as Lycos Europe.

- Inspirational Management: Neil Annis has 20 years' experience in operational management, sales, change management, training and coaching, and personal and organisational development.

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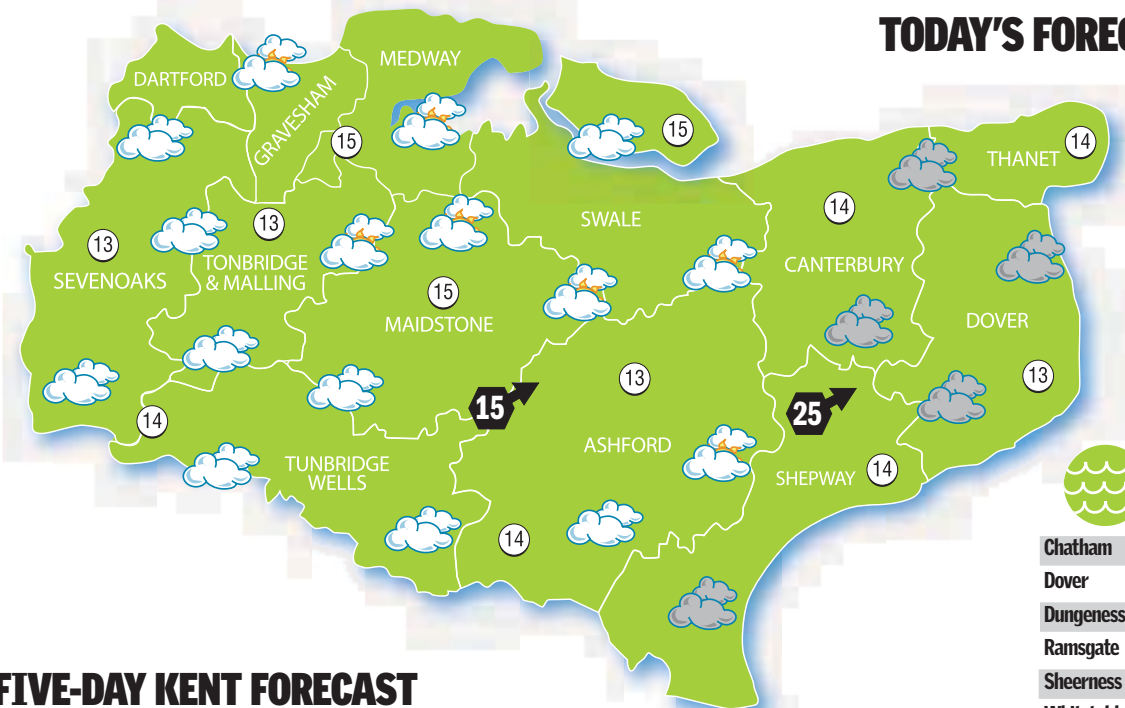
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Barcelona	18°C	Paris	11°C
Beijing	12°C	Rome	17°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	19°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	28°C	Warsaw	8°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	16°C



KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	6:28pm 5.3m	Sunday	6:42pm 5.2m
Dover	Saturday	4:47pm 5.6m	Sunday	5:18pm 5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:31pm 6.7m	Sunday	4:44pm 6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:17pm 4.3m	Sunday	5:48pm 4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:17pm 5.2m	Sunday	6:30pm 5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:17pm 4.8m	Sunday	6:35pm 4.7m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	13°C	14°C	16°C	14°C	13°C
Canterbury	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C	14°C
Chatham	13°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	13°C
Dartford	13°C	16°C	16°C	15°C	14°C

Dover	11°C	13°C	15°C	13°C	13°C
Faversham	13°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	13°C
Folkestone	11°C	13°C	15°C	13°C	13°C
Gillingham	13°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	13°C

Gravesend	13°C	16°C	16°C	15°C	14°C
Maidstone	12°C	15°C	15°C	14°C	13°C
Ramsgate	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C	14°C
Rochester	13°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	13°C

Sevenoaks	10°C	13°C	14°C	13°C	11°C
Sittingbourne	13°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	13°C
Tonbridge	11°C	14°C	15°C	13°C	13°C
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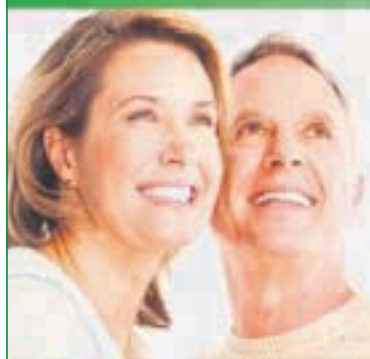
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Glittering script and strong cast is an easy lesson in teenage angst

■ BY DAMON SMITH

EVERY generation has portraits of adolescent angst which perfectly encapsulate the teenage experience in a language that speaks loud and clear to audiences of the era.

In the 1970s it was *The Last Picture Show* and *American Graffiti*, while in the 1980s, *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Heathers* struck a chord.

Clueless, *Beautiful Thing* and *American Pie* epitomised the 1990s, and in the noughties, *Bring It On*, *Mean Girls* and *Juno* vied for supremacy.

Now in this brave new decade – the tweens? – we have *Easy A*, a delicious tale of girl power inspired by Nathaniel Hawthorne's 19th century classic, *The Scarlet Letter*.

From its droll opening voiceover – “The rumours of my promiscuity have been greatly exaggerated...” – Will Gluck's film has us in the palm of its hand, rooting for an unconventional heroine who finds the silver lining in a huge, dark cloud system over a pivotal year at high school.

Bert V Royal's script glitters with tart one-liners (“He's not the sharpest Christian in the Bible”) and introduces a feisty heroine that should promote Emma Stone from scene-stealing support to bona fide leading lady.

Hard-working student Olive (Stone) tells a tiny white lie to best friend Rhiannon (Alyson Michalka) about losing her virginity to a mystery man and classmate Marianne (Amanda Bynes) overhears the confession.

“You've made your bed. I hope for your sake that you've cleaned the sheets,” sneers Marianne, promptly spreading the salacious news about Olive's promiscuity.

Initially distressed to be the talking point of the entire school, Olive embraces her new lowly reputation for the good of others.

She manufactures a hook-up with classmate Brandon (Dan Byrd) to dispel whispers about



DELICIOUS TALE: Amanda Bynes as Marianne (above left) and Emma Stone (above right) who dazzles in the lead role as Olive Penderghast and (below right) Olive with Penn Badgley who plays Todd in this latest adolescent movie, *Easy A*

him being gay, claims to have bedded an overweight boy who fears he will never get a girlfriend, and confesses to giving Marianne's dim-witted boyfriend Micah (Cam Gigandet) a sexually transmitted disease in order to protect the real culprit: school counsellor Mrs Griffith (Lisa Kudrow), who is married to Olive's favourite teacher (Thomas Haden Church).

Events quickly spiral out of control and as friends turn against her, Olive finds a solitary ally in her old school crush, Woodchuck Todd.

Easy A is a delight, anchored by Stone's

effervescent lead performance that has us giggling to the point of crying then choking back tears by the time the end credits roll.

Supporting cast are equally good, including Bynes as the pious nemesis and Stanley Tucci and Patricia Clarkson as Olive's hip parents Dill and Rosemary (ho ho!), who shower her with love and pithy words of wisdom.

At a brisk 92 minutes, Gluck's film certainly scores top marks for brevity. If anything, we would happily stay in detention with these characters for another 20 minutes.



EASY A 
Certificate PG-13

■ BY JOE BILL



YOUR TV REVIEW THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX: ITV2, 9pm, Friday

NOT since George Galloway uttered the immortal words “do you want me to be the cat?” has television both disgusted and enthralled me so much at the same time.

But *The Only Way Is Essex*, ITV2's new flagship docu-soap, has managed to make viewers attack the screen as well as cheekily add it to Sky plus.

Set in the home county that time forgot, the reality show follows the lives of a group of twenty-somethings looking to make their way in the world, but not before a quick sun bed session.

In similar style to MTV's *The Hills*, the characters in the show are all real people but the situations they enter are enhanced by producers for the audience's amusement.

For example we have Mark, a self



DRAWN IN: The *Only Way Is Essex* cast are set to become huge reality TV stars

proclaimed ‘bird magnet’, who likes flash cars, grooming himself and women. Mark has recently split up with Lauren, a hair extension

wearing, orange-skinned, fake breasted, all round classy sort.

Fortunately for the cameras, the pair both unknowingly attend a speed dating event in the Las Vegas of Essex, Brentwood. And of course sparks fly.

So, its obvious the storylines are a set up, and I did begin to think that these people were not real either, that is until I heard the words “do you know what Candy, you should be a politician!”

No actor in the world is that good or that believable.

Aspiring glamour models mingle with “top blokes” in flash cars, with fewer clothes on than I wear in the bath.

The Only Way Is Essex is essentially a real life *Hollyoaks*.

Scarily, I found myself all too engaged as “geezer” Kirk Norcross told his dear old lonely mum to

“stop the dating game, its not wurf it”.

This came moments after he snagged himself a day out at the zoo with lingerie model Amy Childs.

As much as one hand was reaching for the remote control and the off button, the other was stopping it in what became an epic struggle of the mind and body.

The accents, the points of view, the strange obsession with looking like something out of Willy Wonka, everything about this programme screams ‘don't watch me’.

And yet, as you can see from the tabloids and the national radio, the *Essex* posse are set to become the latest in a long line of reality stars to reach the heights of red top fame.

My advice is if you haven't seen it, steer clear, and for the rest of us, good luck and I will see you on the other side.

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ROCKING IT: Sing karaoke with a live rock band at The Farmhouse in Canterbury

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

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I THOUGHT the days of the at-home, screwball inventor were gone.

Bread has been sliced, the radio has been made wind-able, the toothbrush has been motorised, and the list of groundbreaking gadgets that have propelled us from the dark ages goes on.

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That was before one Genius – for he/she most definitely deserves such a title – had the Rockaoke epiphany.

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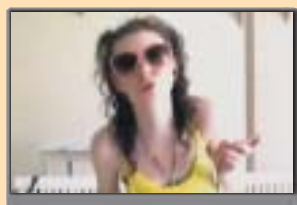
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- 4 Luke Jackson - Am I Good Enough For You (from Canterbury)
- 5 Promise Me Tomorrow - How You Play the Game (from Deal)

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BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC: New Zealand's The Bay of Islands and, below right, The Lady Knox Geyser are some of the sights to discover

yourgetaways

Discovering the natural beauty that is New Zealand

■ BY PETER BEAL

THE stretch of brilliant white sand ahead seems endless, as our coach speeds along an unlikely public highway.

Flanked by massive dunes and the crashing breakers of the Tasman Sea, the Ninety Mile Beach which stretches along the coast of New Zealand's North Island is believed to be the world's third longest uninterrupted beach, and a sight of staggering natural beauty.

As we leave a trail of spray in our wake, inside our coach a group of happy and relaxed holidaymakers are looking eagerly out of the windows.

After a couple of weeks travelling with Titan HiTours, a company who arrange everything from picking you up from home, to looking after your luggage, these travellers had long since relinquished any feelings of stress.

Sacred to the Maoris, this coastline has a rocky outcrop on Cape Reinga at its northern end marked by a lone gnarled pohutukawa tree. Legend says the spirits of the dead enter the sea here on their way to a spiritual homeland.

We were on the final leg of our 23-day journey around New Zealand.

Among many incredible sights is the Bay of Islands, a beautiful and historic part of the country, where in the late 18th century, a young naval lieutenant called James Cook first landed, and gave the inlet its name.

On a summer's evening there are few more enchanting places than the Bay: wooded slopes of more than 150 islands stretch as far as the eye can see across the sparkling blue water.

These days it's hard to believe this was New Zealand's 19th century capital – populated by whaling

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crews, escaped convicts, traders and rogues. Packed with brothels, grog shops and gambling dens, it was known as the 'Hellhole of the Pacific'.

Now quaint shops and tasteful restaurants are the order of the day.

The Bay of Islands may be the jewel in the crown but the rest of the North Island is no less captivating. Much of the Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed here and the starting point for anyone arriving by the three-hour ferry from the South Island is New Zealand's capital of Wellington.

From Wellington, we swung north over the Desert Road and beyond the peaks of Tongariro National Park – one of them, Mount Ngauruhoe, was Mount Doom in Lord of the Rings.

We then reached the thermal won-

derland at the centre of the island, Lake Taupo. Nearly 1,000 feet deep, it's actually a volcanic crater and the earth's crust between here and Rotorua to the north is so thin that steam and fumes are strong enough to drive the area's own thermal power station.

Of New Zealand's four million population, around a third live in and around vibrant Auckland, the City of Sails, whose iconic skyline dominates one of the world's great harbours. With 2,500 vessels, Westhaven marina is the biggest in the southern hemisphere.

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MOTORS NEWS



Volvo's sporty wagon a dynamic little number

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Volvo believes it will score with its coupé-like lines and wedge shape, while retaining traditional Volvo estate practicality.



New stow-in-the-floor for Sharan's makeover

VOLKSWAGEN'S all-new Sharan seven-seat MPV is now available to order from £22,980 for the entry-level S 1.4-litre TSI model.

The line-up includes an eco-friendly BlueMotion diesel version with Stop/Start and battery regeneration systems to enhance economy and lower emissions.

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Crossover upgrades as Peugeot turns up heat

PEUGEOT'S 3008 crossover (from £16,695) is now available with extra standard kit on Sport and Exclusive models and a more fuel efficient diesel.

Since launch last November, the 3008 Crossover has landed major awards including What Car? Crossover of the Year and Car of the Year 2010.

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TANKS A LOT: Proton's green offering, the Ecologic, has two fuel tanks; one for petrol and the other for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) yet costs the same as a standard petrol GEN-2

Two tanks for the price of one offer from Proton

ROAD TEST PROTON GEN-2

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Burning LPG is also 50 per cent quieter than diesel and a by-product of crude oil output – UK PLC is awash with the stuff apparently.

However, LPG is up to 15 per cent less fuel efficient and the GEN-2's spare wheel has been sacrificed for a round LPG tank below the boot floor – there is a separate filler for this on the rear wing next to the petrol inlet.

Like all cars running on LPG though, the Ecologic is quieter and more refined in this mode. This is a bit of a bonus since cabin and road noise in the Gen-2 – available as hatchback or saloon – feels more old generation than its sleek looks suggest.

Proton has relied heavily on tried and tested Mitsubishi technology, but acquired Lotus and much-needed chassis nous in 1996.

This is the Gen-2's best side; it handles and rides well and equipment is also generous, but interior design and rather low seating feel off the pace against modern rivals.

This makes the Ecologic the definite best buy of the range – a bit of a no-brainer – as well as a genuinely green alternative to premium-price modern eco-friendly diesels and petrol-electric hybrids.



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House is just a home – no longer an investment

THE UK housing minister has said it is time to regard homes primarily as “a place to live and bring up a family” rather than a financial investment.

Conservative Grant Shapps said that the era of viewing property as a potential source of revenue – particularly as a means of topping up the buyer’s pension – had to come to an end if an entire generation of potential first-time buyers were not to be priced out of the market.

He said people should accept a period of house price stability after a decade that has seen rocketing house price inflation followed by the current crash.

In a speech to the Housing Market Intelligence conference in London, Mr Shapps said: “With a house now liable to cost perhaps seven times someone’s earnings, it is no surprise the average unsupported first-time buyer is now 37 years old.

“This country is in danger of letting down the aspirations of a generation if homes do not become more affordable in the long term. So what is required now is a period of house price stability.

“A home should first and foremost be thought of as a place to live and bring up a family.”

Law now ‘bureaucratic nightmare’ for landlords

THE Residential Landlords’ Association (RLA) claims that legislation which came into force at the beginning of October will result in “bureaucratic nightmares” for landlords.

Earlier this year the coalition Government reviewed plans to require private-sector landlords to apply for planning permission to allow a property to be shared by three or more unrelated people.

Instead, it gave local authorities the power to insist on planning permission for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) in areas where shared housing is considered to be causing problems.

The RLA argues that this is “the thin end of social engineering”.

Members pointed out that planning law is meant to control building use and not the relationships between people living in them.

The association’s chairman, Alan Ward, said if a shared house or flat is currently rented to a single person or a family a landlord can lose the future right to rent it again as an HMO, without first obtaining this new planning permission.



NEGATIVE EQUITY: Although the south east is among the most robust regions in the country, figures show the UK property market looks to be heading towards a double dip

Prices are set for a fall as houses outnumber buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

IT IS still a buyer’s market, according to the latest trend analysis of supply and demand for homes.

A high level of properties on the market continue to outnumber buyer demand and this will impact negatively on house prices, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics).

This echoes many reports which all suggest house prices could be heading for a double dip after a summer which saw partial recovery.

Figures also continue to vary across the UK with the south east among the most robust areas when it comes to increasing values.

House prices slumped by around one-fifth between autumn 2007 and early 2009, before recouping around half their losses over the last year.

However, there has been a drop in demand

with mortgage approvals and consumer confidence both waning.

Recently the Halifax revealed UK house prices fell by a record 3.6 per cent in September compared with August. According to the Halifax the monthly decline was the biggest since records began in 1983.

Returning to the Rics it said 44 per cent of its surveyors saw prices fall in the past three months while just six per cent reported a rise.

The Rics survey also established that surveyors were expecting further losses with the price expectations balance falling to minus 38 from minus 41, the fourth straight decline.

Many of its members say first-time buyers continue to be locked out of the market, primarily due to a lack of mortgage availability.

Without a hefty deposit, this group continue to struggle to get onto the property ladder.

The figures came out at the same time as Government experts examined the summer property market

Official data from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) revealed UK house prices crept up by 0.7 per cent compared with July, with the average UK home costing £213,116.

On an annual basis, house prices were up 8.3 per cent, slightly down from the 8.4 per cent in July.

Despite the monthly rise, growth has slowed since April, the DCLG noted.

Commenting on the data, Howard Archer, chief economist at the IHS Global Insight, said he expects values to gradually ease between now and the end of the year, and house prices will lose around 10 per cent in 2011.

Drop in sales shows Right to Buy initiative on the way out

SALES of properties under the Government’s Right to Buy Scheme have dropped to a record low, the latest research from HSBC has revealed after an analysis of the market.

The scheme, which helps social housing tenants in England and

Wales to purchase their home at a discount, was introduced by Margaret Thatcher’s Conservative government in 1980.

However, 30 years after the launch of the initiative, HSBC’s figures show that just 4,622 Right to Buy sales occurred in the

2009/10 tax year, compared with 193,600 in 1982/83.

“The scheme has been facing scrutiny lately with the current shortage of council housing stock, but it now looks to have run its course,” said Andy Mielczarek, head of retail products at HSBC.

“However, no-one can deny the major impact it has had on homeownership in Great Britain.”

Right to Buy has been most popular in Scotland, the mortgage lender’s figures show, with around 441,000 houses sold under the initiative since it was introduced.

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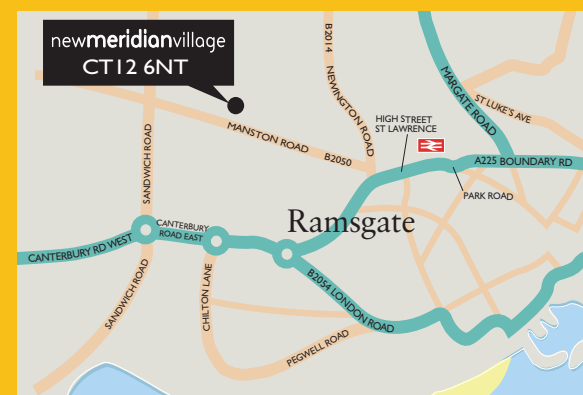
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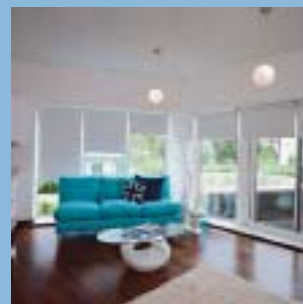
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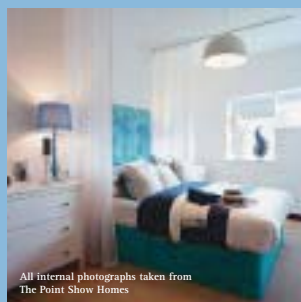
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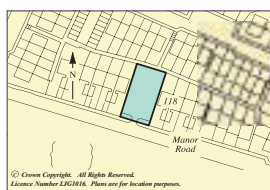
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MALE seeks special female, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350315 ☞

PROFESSIONAL male, 55, slim, 5ft 11ins, divorced, N/S, likes travel, sports, walks, seeks slim, fit, N/S, genuine female, 48-59. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350257

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BLACK male, 30, attractive, seeks female, 18-40 slim-medium build for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349267

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PAUL 48, slim, 6ft, seeks caring female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348705 ☞

ROMANTIC good looking male, early 50's, many interests, seeks tall, black lady for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381418

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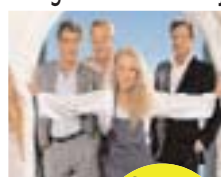
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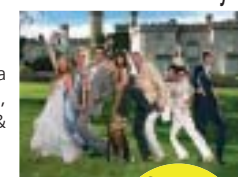
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PENALTY: Hythe celebrate their second goal

Crowds flock as Hythe make history

Hythe Town 2 Staines Town 0

A BUMPER crowd flocked to Reachfields on Saturday to see Hythe Town deservedly book their place in the FA Cup first round proper.

More than 800 turned out to see goals from Gary Mickelborough and Dave Cook claim the scalp of Conference South side Staines Town in an absorbing clash. It is the first time in the club's history they have reached the hallowed stage and were rewarded with a trip to League Two side Hereford United in Sunday's draw.

Town boss Scott Porter said: "It was a great atmosphere to play in. We wanted a big crowd

FOOTBALL

and we got it. They made a lot of noise, but that was down to the way we played, they had a lot to shout about."

Hythe started strongly but were dealt a blow after only ten minutes when striker Brendon Cass was forced off with an injury.

Town recovered and opened the scoring nine minutes before the break when Mickelborough squeezed between a defender and goalkeeper Louis Wells to poke the ball into an empty net.

Porter's side continued to impress at the start of the second-half and only a smart save from Wells denied Cook.

Staines regrouped and pushed forward in search of an equaliser, but the Hythe defence, led superbly by Lee Shearer, held firm.

Cook hit the crossbar from 30 yards but his frustration was short-lived as the Town skipper headed home Mickelborough's cross on 81 minutes.

The only sour note was a second booking for Lee Winfield, deep into injury time, but Hythe hung on to spark jubilant scenes from the big crowd.

Fee talks halt King's move to Invicta

FOLKESTONE Invicta's proposed move for Herne Bay's prolific striker Stuart King is in the balance after the two clubs failed to negotiate a fee.

The Seasiders are keen to add firepower to their squad and King, who netted 13 goals in Bay's first ten games of the season, appeared to fit the bill.

The striker attended training with Folkestone last Thursday, but cracked his collarbone near the end of the session which is likely to keep him on the sidelines for up to a month.

Despite the injury, Invicta boss Neil Cugley is still keen on signing King, but for a deal to go through Bay would need to lower their asking price.

He said: "He's one we're interested in but it could be on hold at the moment. It's not the injury, I would still take him tomorrow, but it's more up to Herne Bay, there's not much more we can do."

Invicta were at home to Tooting & Mitcham last night, see www.yourshepway.co.uk for details. This weekend they host Thamesmead Town in the FA Trophy.

Park put a stop to Folkestone flow

Folkestone 14 Charlton Park 32

A BELOW par performance saw Folkestone's three-game winning run halted by in-form Charlton Park at the New Burlington Ground on Saturday.

Charlton Park already led 6-0 when two Stones players were yellow carded in quick succession. Despite the visitors also losing a man they made the most of the advantage to score two tries.

It got worse for the home side after the break with two more scores giving Park a 32-0 lead. Simon Harris restored some pride with two late tries, converted by Chris Petley, but it was too little too late.

The Stones visit leaders Crowborough on Saturday.



Picture: IOR KIPCO

HAPPY DAYS: Hythe Town side are jubilant after becoming the first Kent League side for more than half a century to reach the first round of the FA Cup after beating Staines

Town celebrate FA Cup shock as Hereford looms

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD AND TOM HOWARD

FA CUP giant-killers Hythe Town are revelling in the attention gained from reaching the first round proper – and believe the benefits will be long lasting.

Scott Porter's side belied the three divisions between themselves and Conference South side Staines Town on Saturday to run out 2-0 winners. They became the first Kent League side for more than half a century to reach the first round, where they were drawn away to League Two strugglers Hereford United next month.

The club have claimed almost £30,000 in prize money alone from the run, topped up by healthy gate receipts. Paul Markland, Hythe's chairman, is thrilled with the progress which will make a real difference to the club long-term.

He said: "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, everyone has their 15 minutes in the limelight and this is ours. It has put us on the map and associated the club with successful names, watching the draw on Sunday there was

Brighton, Charlton, Southampton and Hythe – how fantastic.

"The crowd (808) were great and talking to some of the people afterwards who had found their way to us, they said they'd be coming again, so I think the attendances will go up.

"Financially it's made sure of this year's budget and means we can do things we can't normally afford to do like buy a new white liner and renovate the bar."

The bar may certainly needed restocking this week after the post-match celebrations drunk it dry on Saturday. It forced the players and board to meet up at a pub in Folkestone to watch Sunday's first round draw, with several still nursing sore heads.

Town boss Scott Porter has steered his side

through six rounds to reach this stage and is hugely proud of their efforts.

He said: "The team will go down in history and I said to them before the game this is our chance to make history. I can't thank the lads enough. I thought if we drew and had to go to their place then our chance had gone, but we've done it.

"We've earned a lot money up until this game and it's all credit to the people upstairs who have worked extremely hard to keep this club running."

Gary Mickelborough, who got Hythe on the way to Saturday's victory by scoring the first goal, said: "The goal was a bit of a blur to be honest but it was a real team performance. Staines are in leagues above us and nine times out of ten they would beat us, but this is the FA Cup and hard work can get you anywhere."

Skipper Dave Cook added: "It all worked out well. We all worked hard we knew it would be difficult. I'm buzzing, it's a great result for the club. I thought it was a tougher game against Concord to be honest, but we made it hard for them."

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Birchall nets again to keep Dover's FA Cup hopes alive

FOOTBALL

BY TONY HUDD

Farnborough 1

King 22

Dover 1

Birchall 63

ADAM Birchall's seventh goal in seven consecutive games put Dover within touching distance of a lucrative FA Cup first round tie at Gillingham, and a reunion with former bosses Andy Hessenthaler and Ian Hendon.

Only once in the last 28 years have Dover reached the first round proper, but they got the chance to add to that after earning last night's replay against Farnborough at Crabble.

The Whites looked to be heading out of the competition until the prolific Birchall equalised in the 63rd minute to force Tuesday night's replay.

The draw was made all the more commendable as they were reduced to ten men after substitute Nicky Nicolau was sent off for a second caution with five minutes remaining.

Manager Martin Hayes was delighted that his side were able to hang on to force a replay. He said: "I'm not unhappy at having a second game. There is no point in discussing Gillingham because we have a difficult replay



CHANCE: Adam Birchall snapped up a rebound off the Farnborough keeper to equalise during the FA Cup tie

against a very good Farnborough side."

But club chairman Jim Parmenter, who predicted way back in the summer that it was written in the wind that Dover would draw Gillingham in the FA Cup following the acrimony of losing newly appointed Ian Hendon to Priestfield, was spot on.

Though some observers believed Dover were fortunate at the Rushmoor Stadium on Saturday, Hayes was not displeased with the performance. He said: "We made some good chances in the first-half, but couldn't put them away. Then we paid the price for making a couple of mistakes on the edge of our penalty area, which was disappointing."

"I thought we were playing well enough to get back in the game. We showed that in the second-half when we got our equaliser, but then we panicked which forced us to weather the storm and deal with a lot of pressure."

"The sending off made it that much harder

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Nicolau (Wynter 56), Long (Baker 80), Charles (Norville 63)

but I was pleased with a battling performance from what is essentially a young side. That showed greater character."

Of goalscorer Birchall, the manager said: "Some might say he wasn't at his best, but he's a terrific goalscorer because he has that knack of being in the right place at the right time."

"Although, all praise must go to the defence who battled magnificently. We've taken stick about leaking goals, but the defence came together as a solid unit."

The Whites fell behind in the 22nd minute when Jack King produced a clinical finish to beat Ross Flitney in the Dover goal after Jason Norville, who was making his full debut for Dover, and Matt Fish were caught in two minds and Nick Ciardini set up King.

Dover restored parity when Norville forced Farnborough goalkeeper Michael Jordan into a fine save, but he could only parry the ball and the lurking Birchall was perfectly positioned to snap up the rebound.

For a report and reaction from last night's crucial cup game at Crabble, visit www.your-dover.co.uk.

FOOTBALL

Deal's woes continue with Greenwich loss

Deal Town 0 Greenwich Borough 3

TWO goals in the space of five second-half minutes effectively sealed Deal Town's demise as they slumped to a home defeat against Greenwich Borough.

Deal, who topped the Kent League at the start of October, have now dropped to fifth and Saturday's result meant they have now conceded seven goals in their last two outings after a 4-2 reverse at Erith & Belvedere.

For only the second time this season, Derek Hares' side failed to score in the league, but they were comprehensively undone by a Greenwich side who leap-frogged them with the win.

There was little to choose between the sides in a tight first-half and the whistle blew with the score still goalless, but Deal's afternoon was about to take a turn for the worse.

Eight minutes had elapsed after the interval when Peter Afolayan struck to put the visitors ahead and the Borough striker doubled his tally five minutes later to leave Town facing an uphill battle.

For all their huff and puff, though, Deal could find no way back into the game and when Harry Draper scored Greenwich's third with 16 minutes remaining, the game was up.

Next up for Deal is a home game against Tunbridge Wells, who are one of the division's form teams after winning six of their last seven games, scoring 27 goals in the process.



BEATEN: Roy Guiver in action on Saturday

Pictures: IOR KUROO

Sharks' promotion hopes dwindle

RUGBY

Portsmouth 39 Dover 33

DOVER are quickly running out of time and players if they are to keep their promotion hopes alive after a costly afternoon on the south coast.

The Sharks, already laid low by injuries, lost three more key players during Saturday's defeat at Portsmouth and now have 11 first XV players unavailable for this weekend's home game against Chichester.

Blair Charge faces a long spell on the sidelines after breaking his leg, while Buster Collins has a cracked sternum and Dale Tonks



DEFEAT: Dover suffered more injuries against Portsmouth

twisted his pelvis during the game.

The home side, relegated from National 3 last season, have made a mixed start to life in London 1 South, but Dover ran into a colossal front row and took their time to recover after conceding two early tries.

However, the visitors – who blooded several youngsters – fought their way back into the game and could even have snatched a positive result had the referee not blown so early for full-time.

Of some consolation to the Sharks will be the two bonus points they brought back to south-east Kent for scoring four tries and finishing within seven points of Portsmouth.

However, they have now lost three games on the bounce and with such a long list of players in the treatment room, the winter promises to be a long one for the Crabble side.

In London 2 South East, Deal & Betteshanger's losing run was extended to four games as they went down 31-15 at Lewes. This Saturday they entertain East Grinstead.

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from the public sector, despite the fact that Chancellor George Osborne announced big cuts in that arena only last week.

Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said BWL would appeal across all business sectors, from owners, entrepreneurs and managers of small and medium enterprises to large private and public organisations and agencies.

"BWL offers true value to attendees at a crucial time in their planning process, post-CSR and prior to the crunch year of 2011," she said.

"Every senior manager and every business owner needs to know where the opportunities will be."

She also spoke of the innovative zoning at the show which will enable those on tight timetables to head for the business sectors they needed to target.

And she highlighted the workshops providing hands on advice and information and the fresh approach of the Kent Business School clinics being offered for free at the show; companies can book a 30-minute slot with a team comprising MBA students, alumni and academics.

"No hard-pressed firm can really pass up on the chance of brainstorming with such experts when just one good tip could save their company," said Christine.

Exhibiting companies leading the line up at BWL include BT, East Malling.

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SMART marketing and funding can turn a good idea into a profitable business, says an industry expert.

Phil Beavan, portfolio director for the Innovation and Growth Team, said too much focus is often put on a product without enough thought about how to bring in investment.

The straight-talking business guru will address Business Week Live delegates on 'Investment ready – how to catch your dragon'.

"You have to make sure the product is financially ready, that there will be high growth and a good exit route," he said.

"People have to make sure they are investment ready. There have been real horror stories where people have got a great product, but spend so much time focusing on that that they get nowhere and have lost a lot of money."

Mr Beavan said since he started with the Government-funded Kent and Medway Innovation and Growth Team in March, he has raised just over £500,000 in investment for businesses.



BUZZ words are out and straight-talking in says motivational speaker Neil Annis.

The Kent-based business expert will let Business Week Live delegates in on 'The Secret of being an Inspirational Manager'.

"I'm going to talk to people about how to get the best from themselves and how to adapt as a manager to keep staff motivated," he said.

"This is not about buzz words and hype – I really don't like that – this is about tips and advice that can be easily translated in any organisation.

"People need to be able to implement knowledge, skills and ideas into the workplace to run a successful business."



FACEBOOK, Twitter and other social networking websites have levelled the playing field between large and small businesses, says digital marketing specialist Jonnie Jensen.

Mr Jensen's Tmandi firm works with other companies to help them improve their internet search ranking and teach them how to make the best use of modern technology – a must in business today he says.

He will talk about 'The Digital Revolution' at Business Week Live: "The digital revolution has enabled businesses of all sizes to compete against one another. In the earlier days of the internet it was all about who had the most money to spend. A classic example would be companies from the insurance sector buying the most expensive keywords so customers would always come to their sites first on search engines like Google.

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“The launch of Business Week earlier this year along with its online coverage, brought a welcome boost to the hard-pressed business community, so the Chamber and its members are delighted to learn of this well-timed follow-up.

It looks like a great and much-needed opportunity for people to do business, swap ideas and advice or even team up.



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The Foundries and Machining Divisions are BS:EN:ISO:9001:2000 approved.

Gary Ealham, www.mjallen.co.uk



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Jacqui Brown, Business Development Manager, www.midkent.ac.uk



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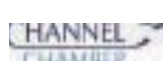
Our extensive Leisure Club includes 25 meter pool, 5000sq ft gym, 3 studios (including a spin studio), sauna, solarium, it is free for residents of the hotel and has a range of membership deals suitable for all.

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